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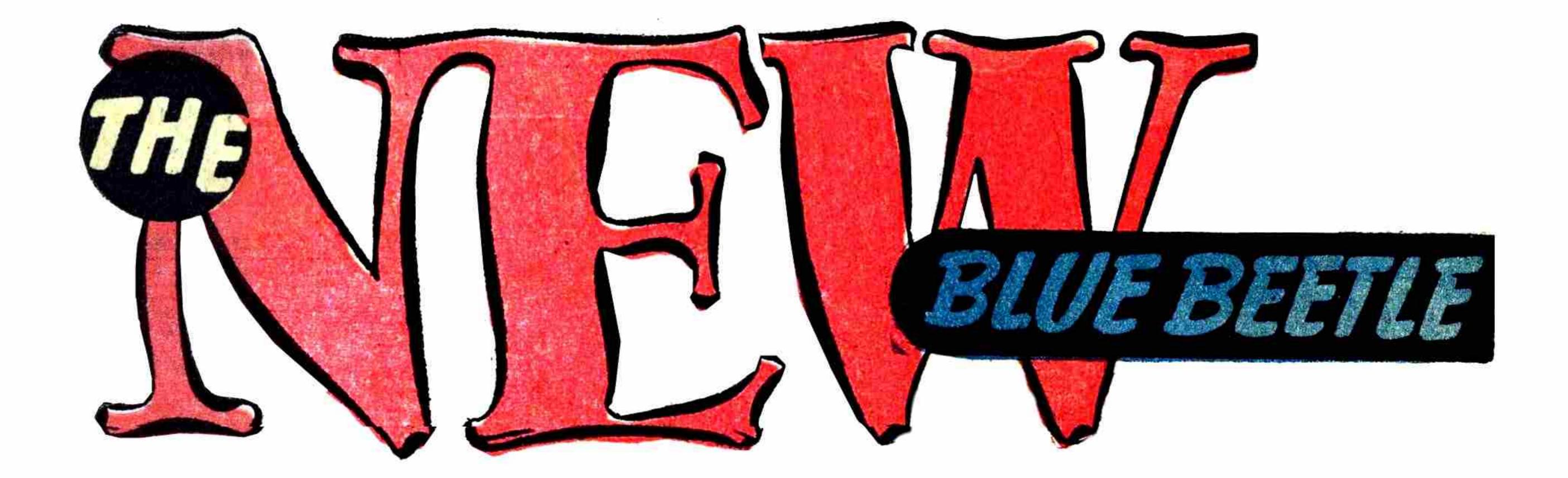
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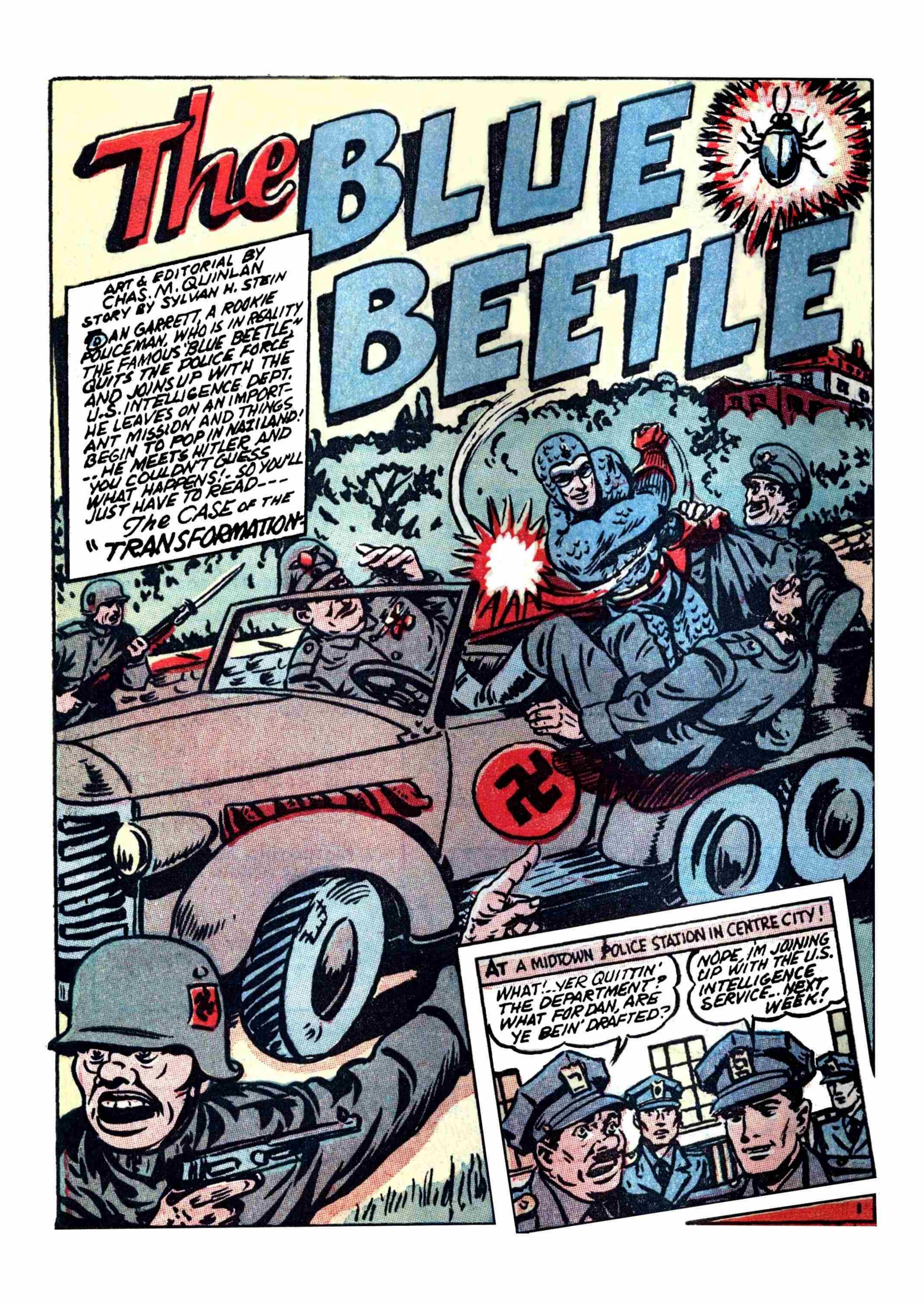
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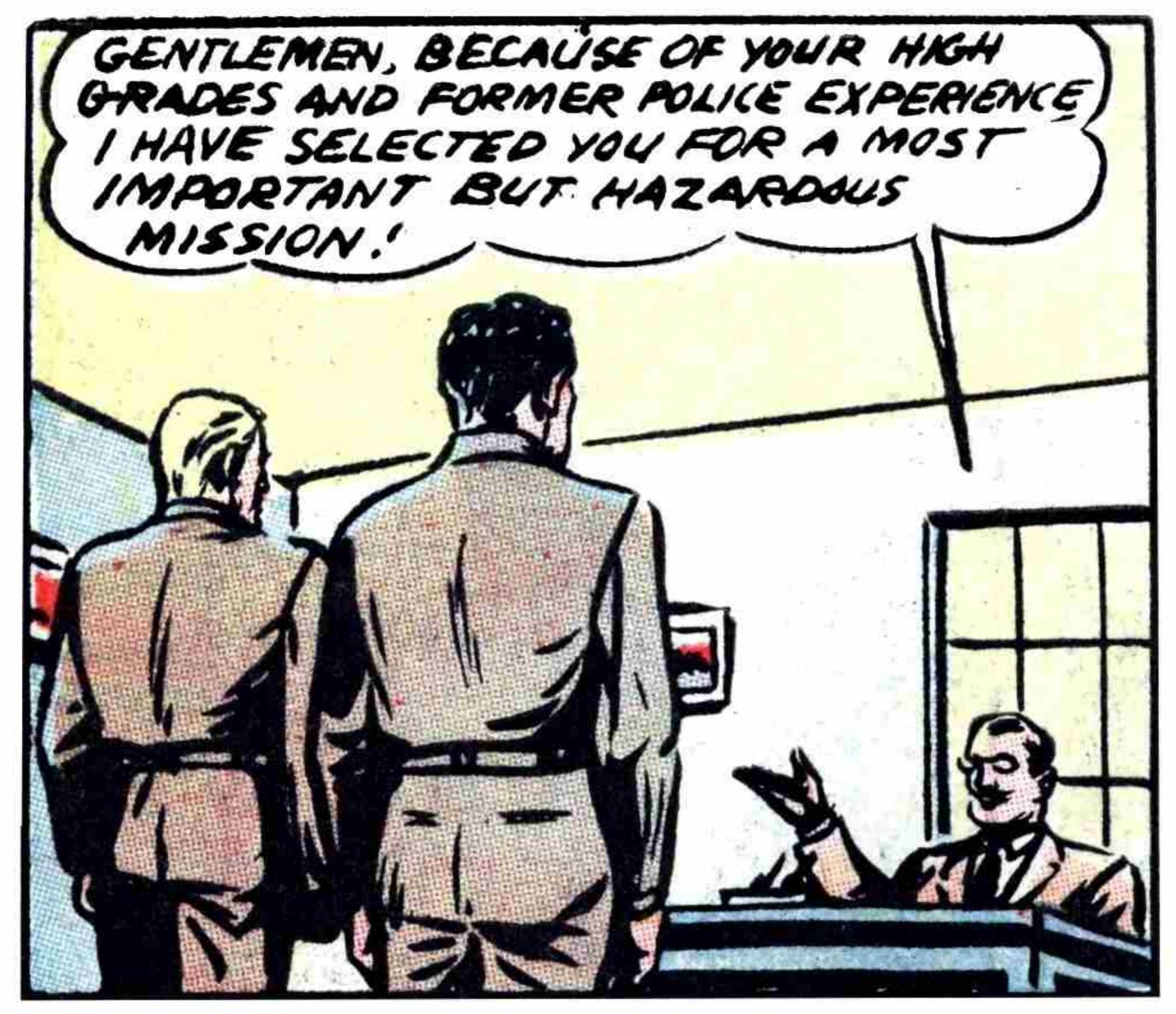
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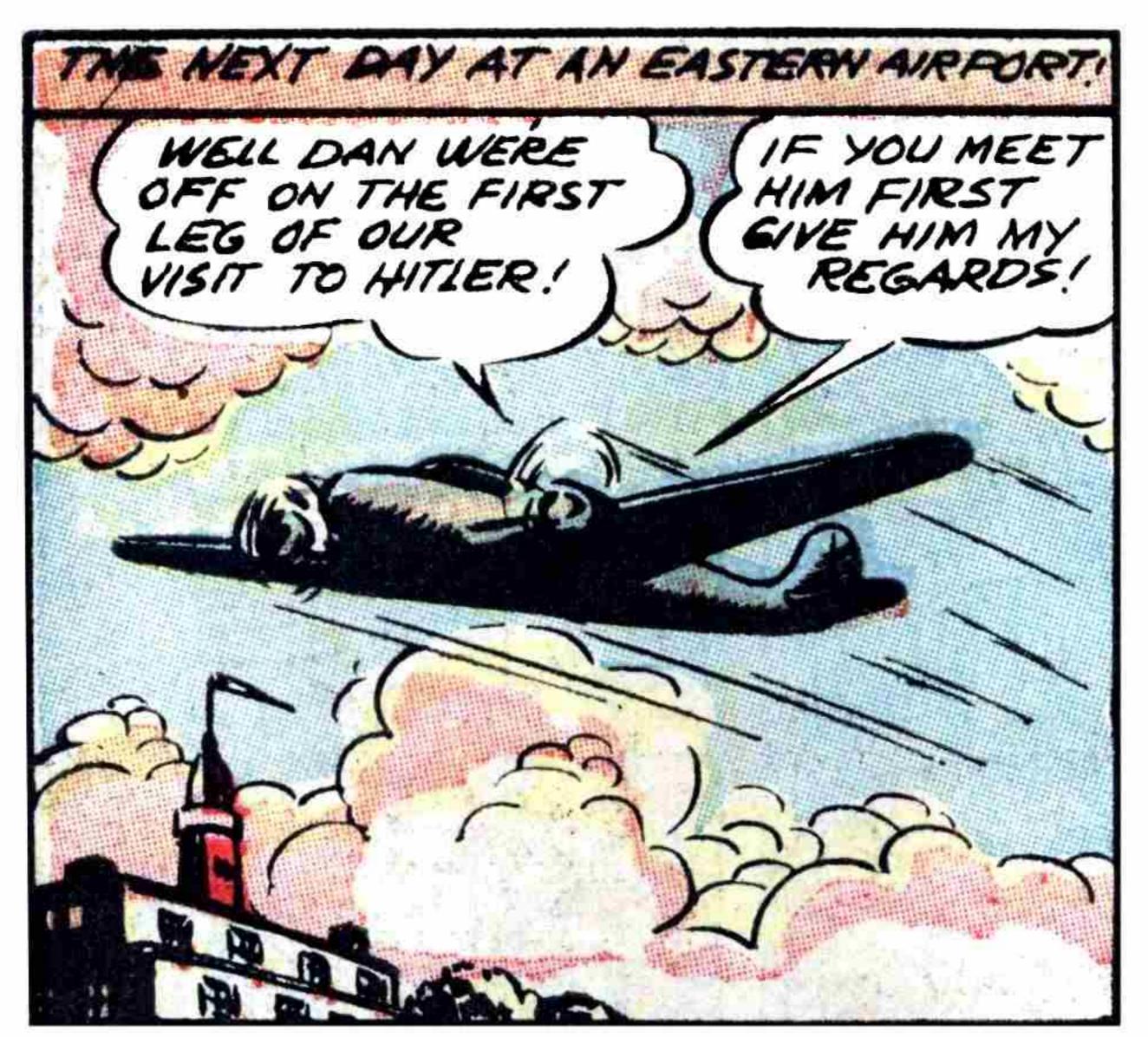


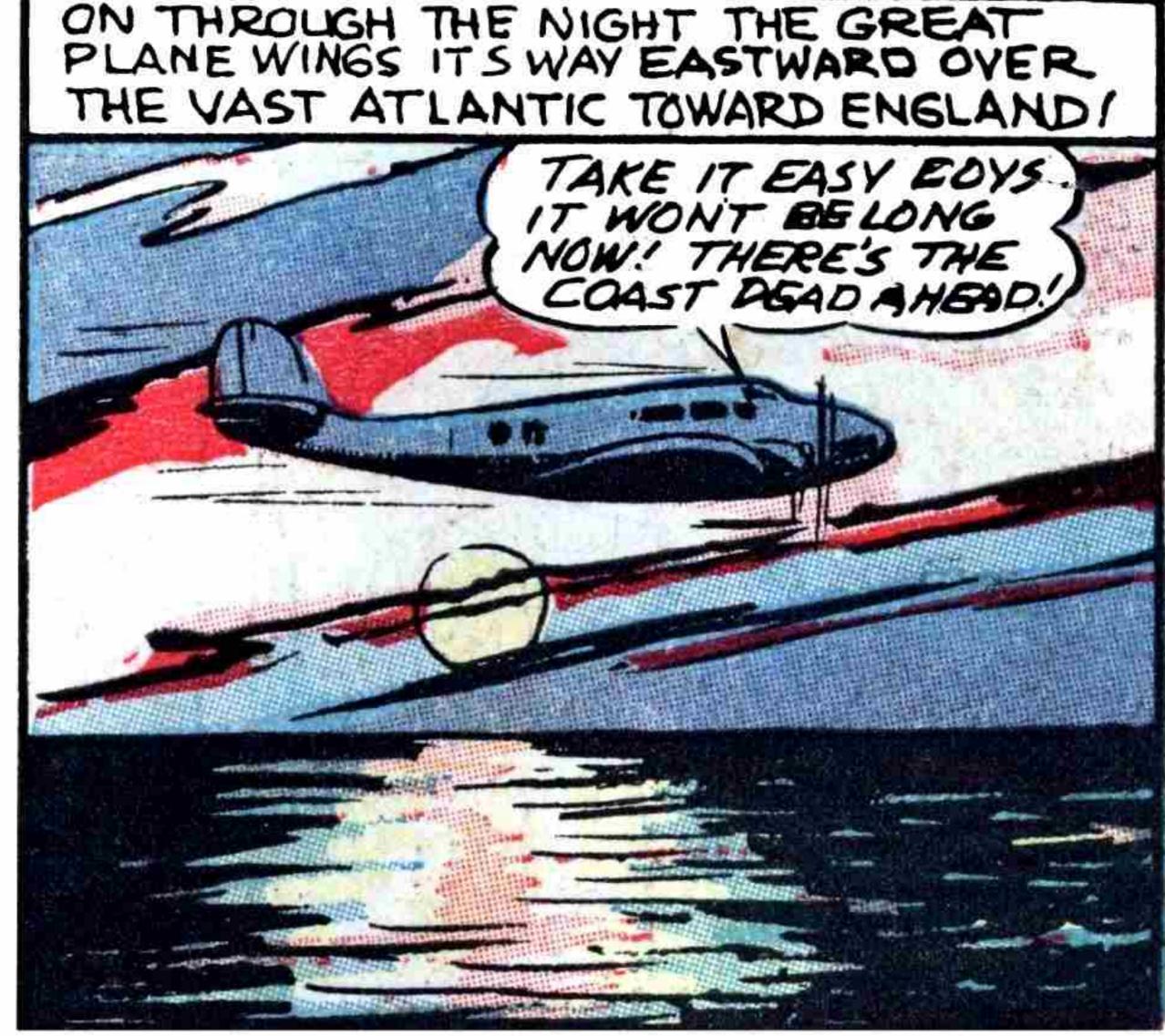


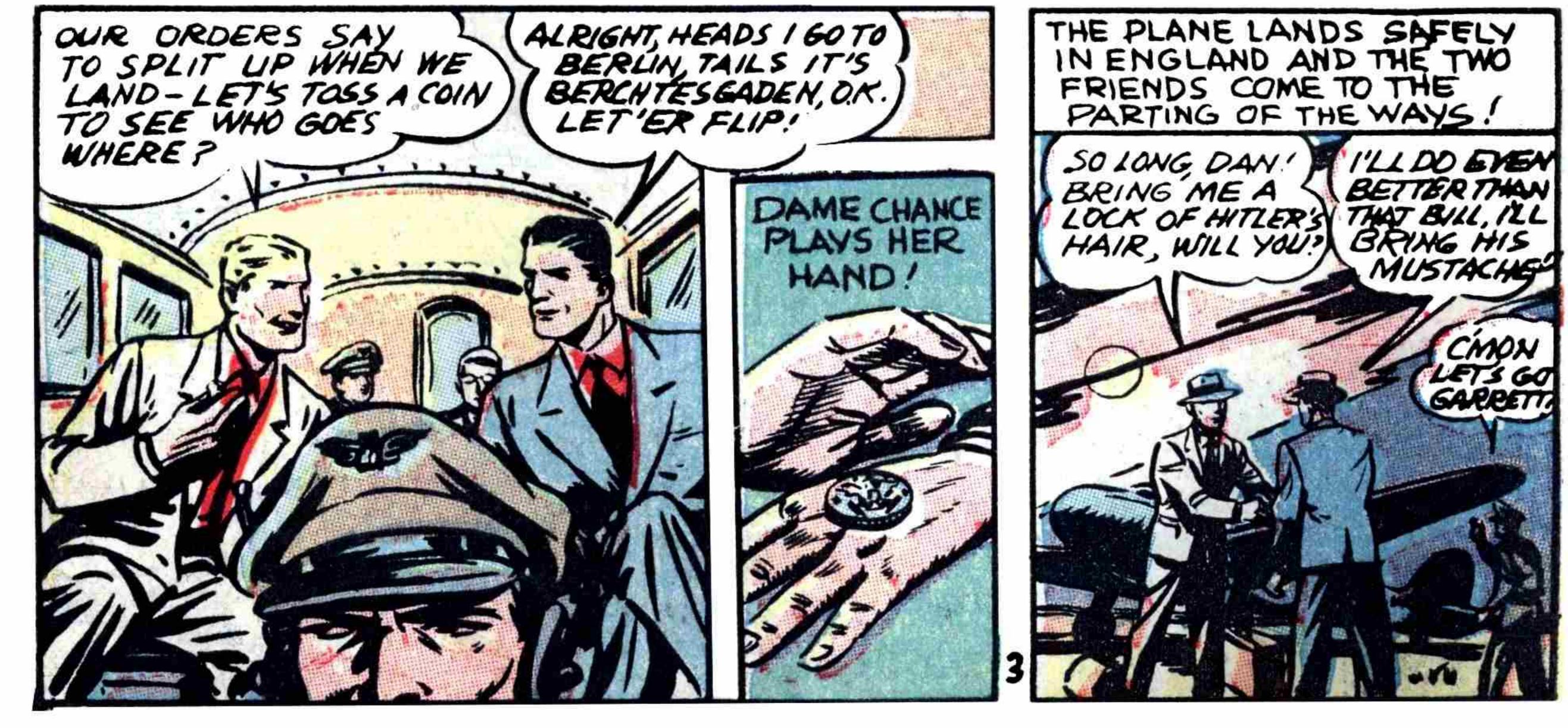




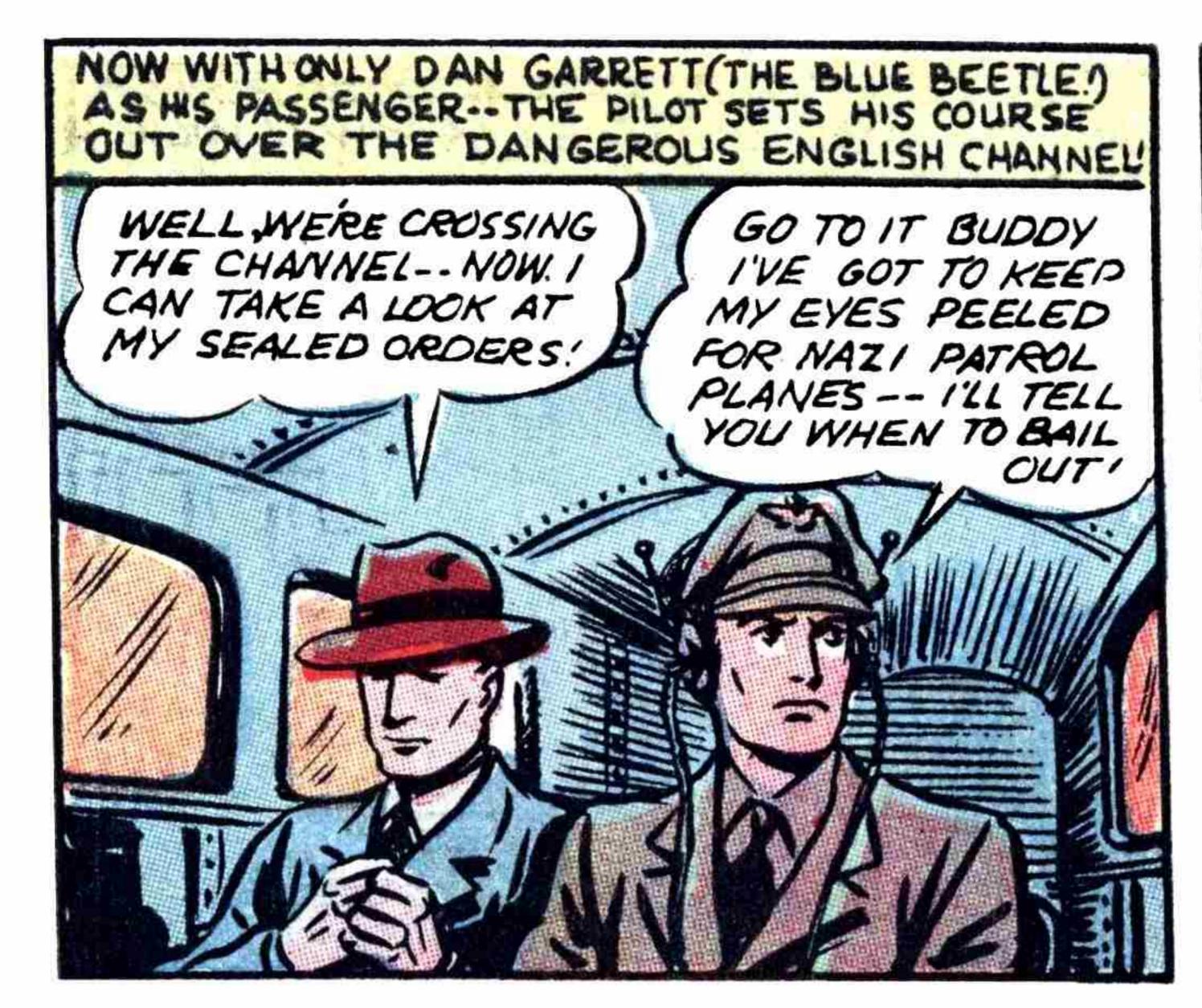


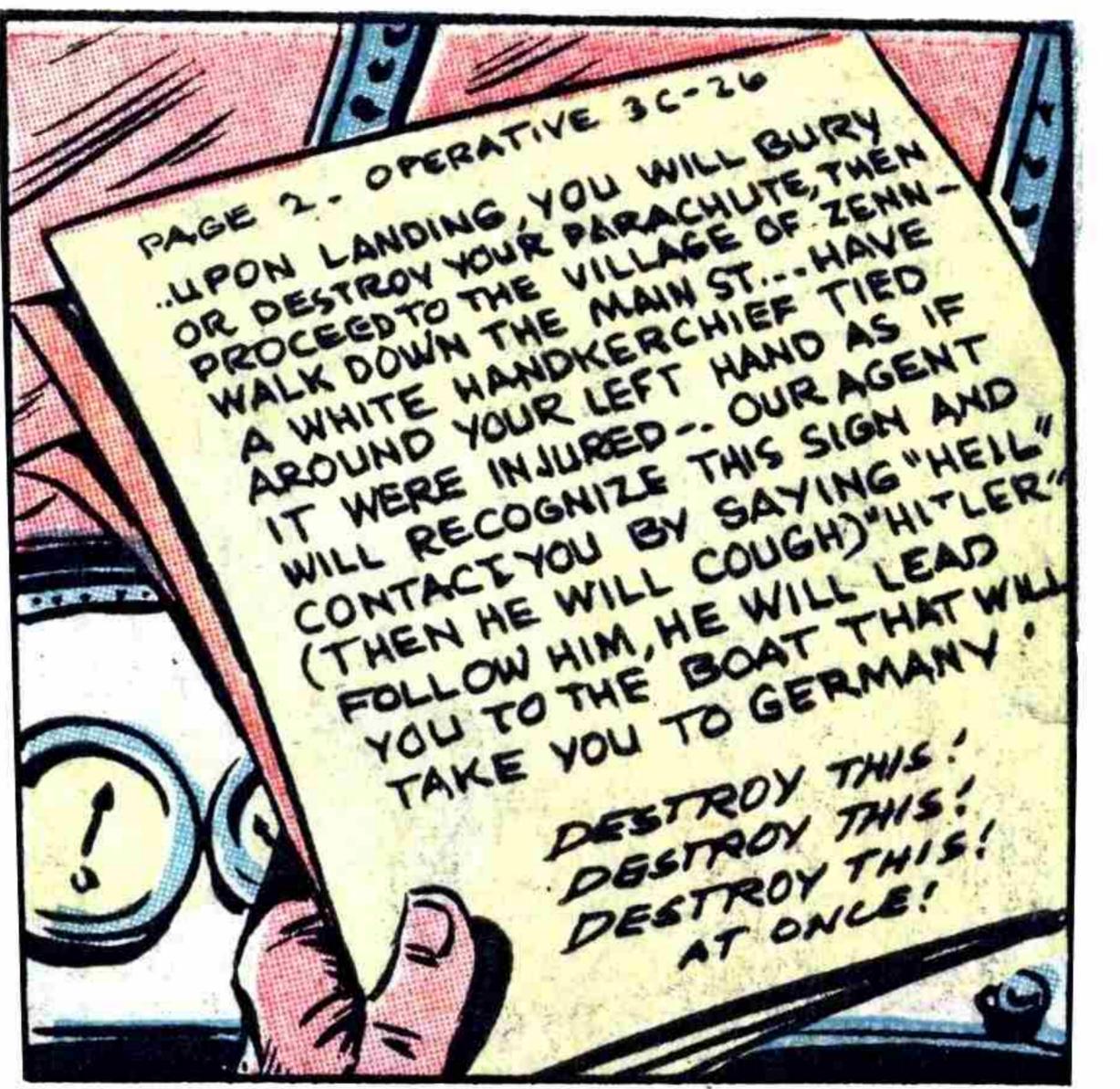


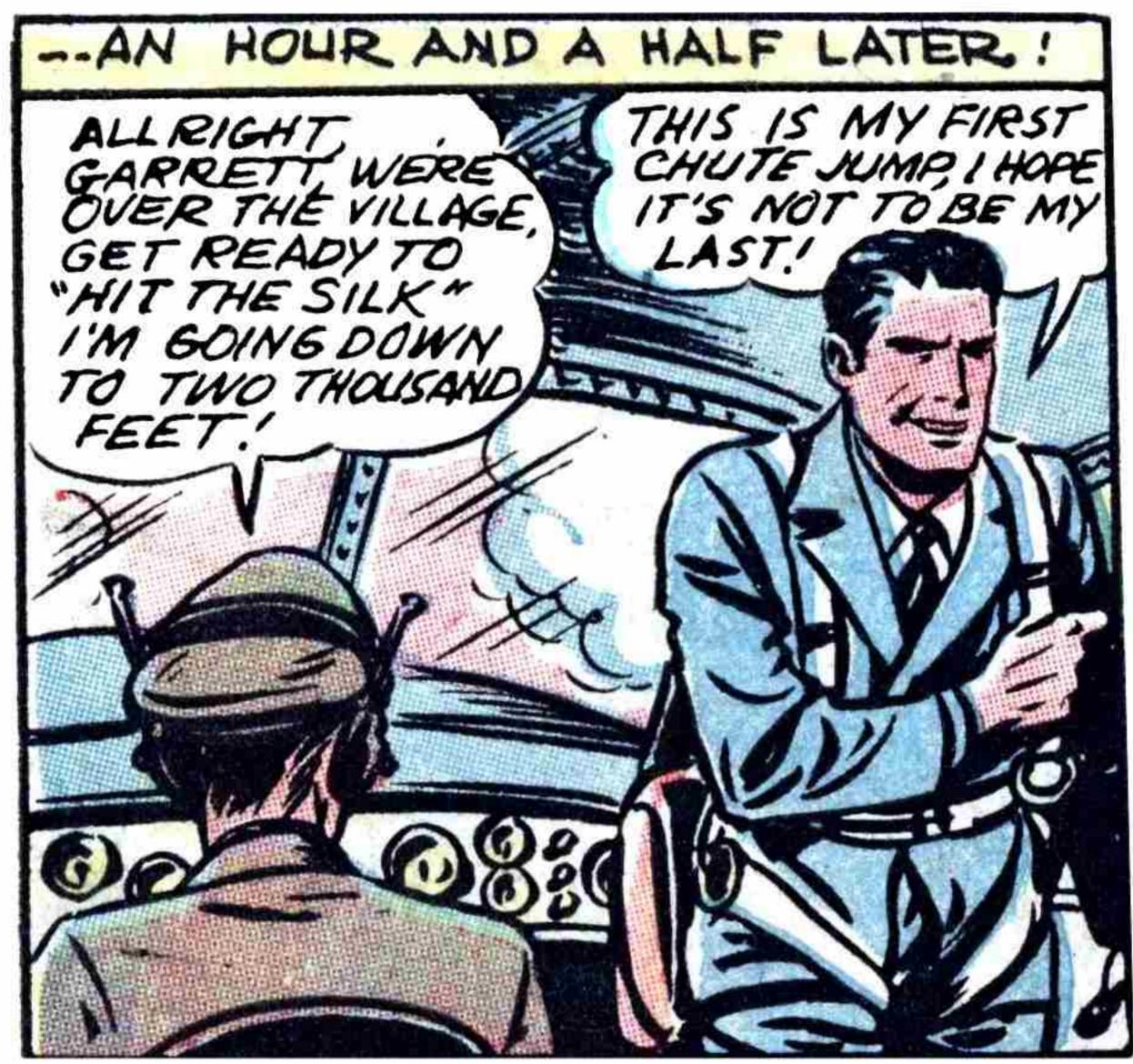


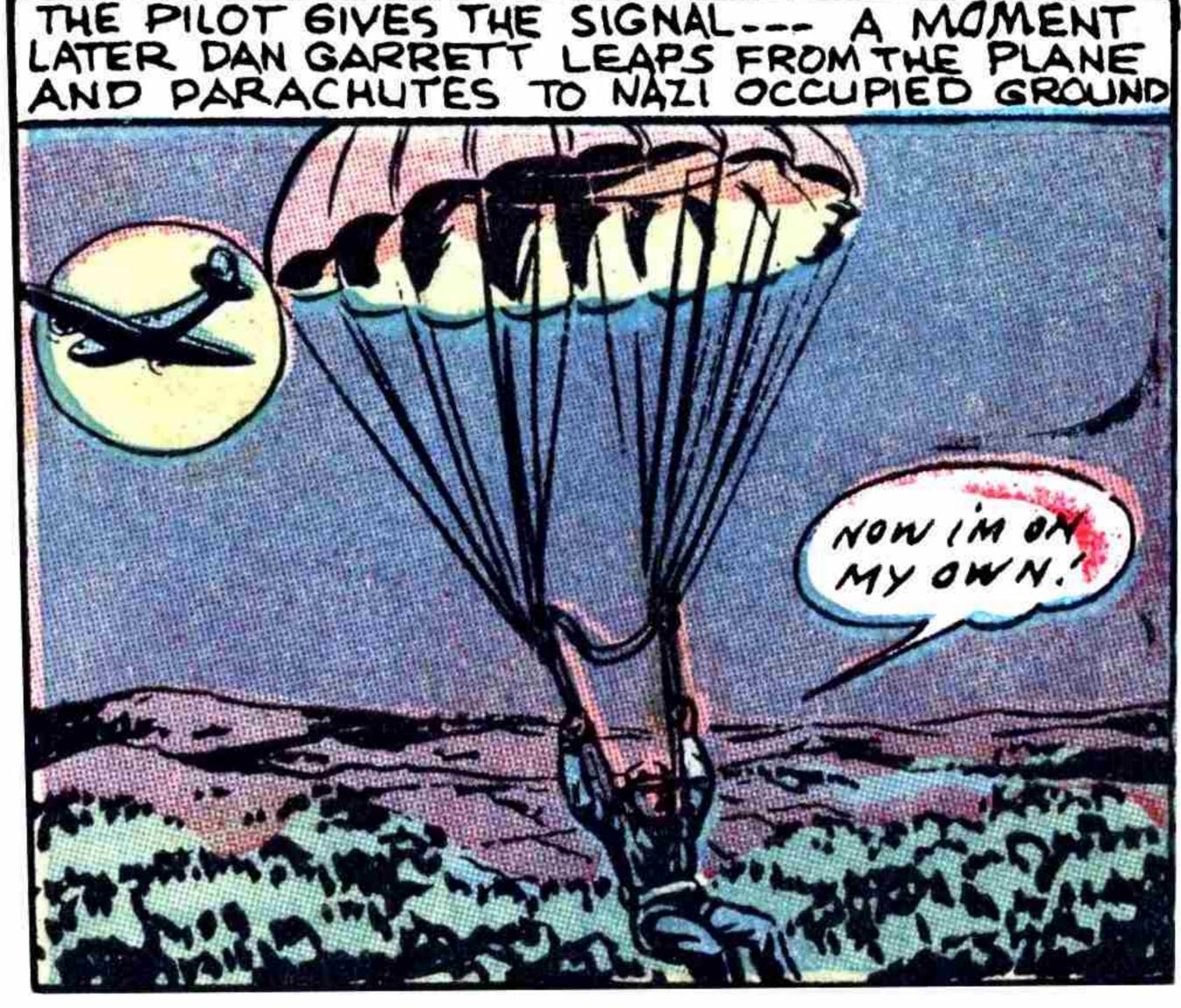


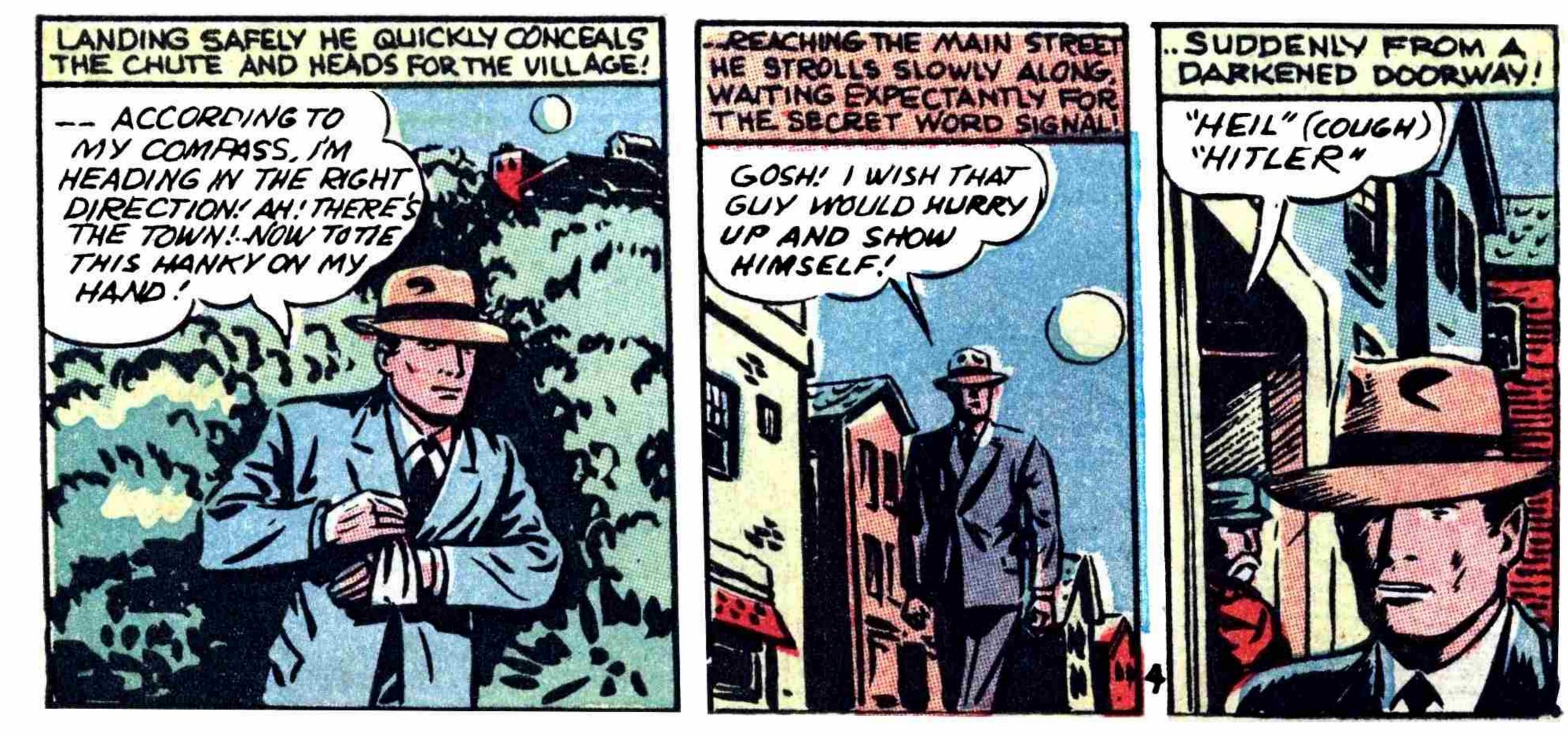






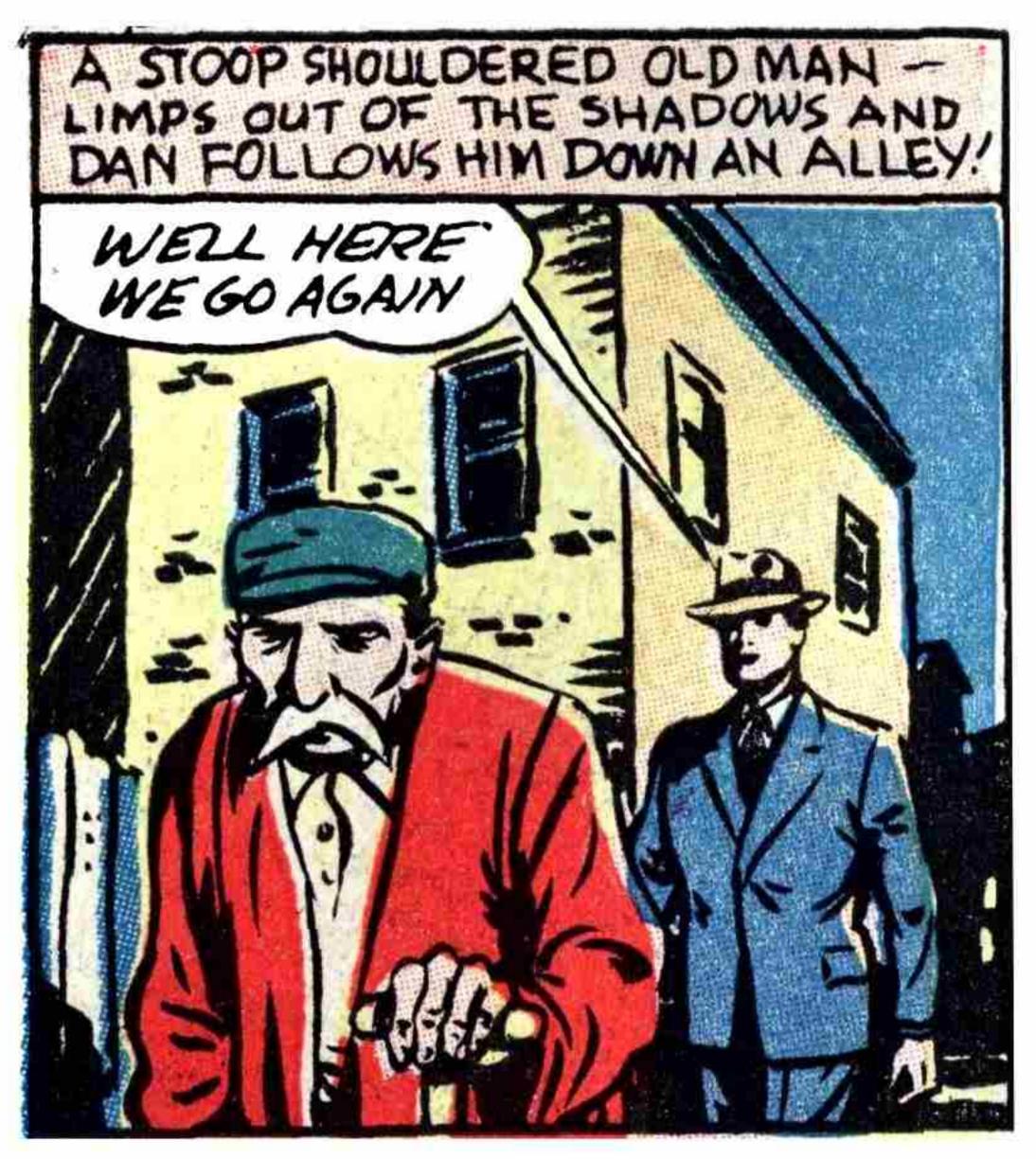


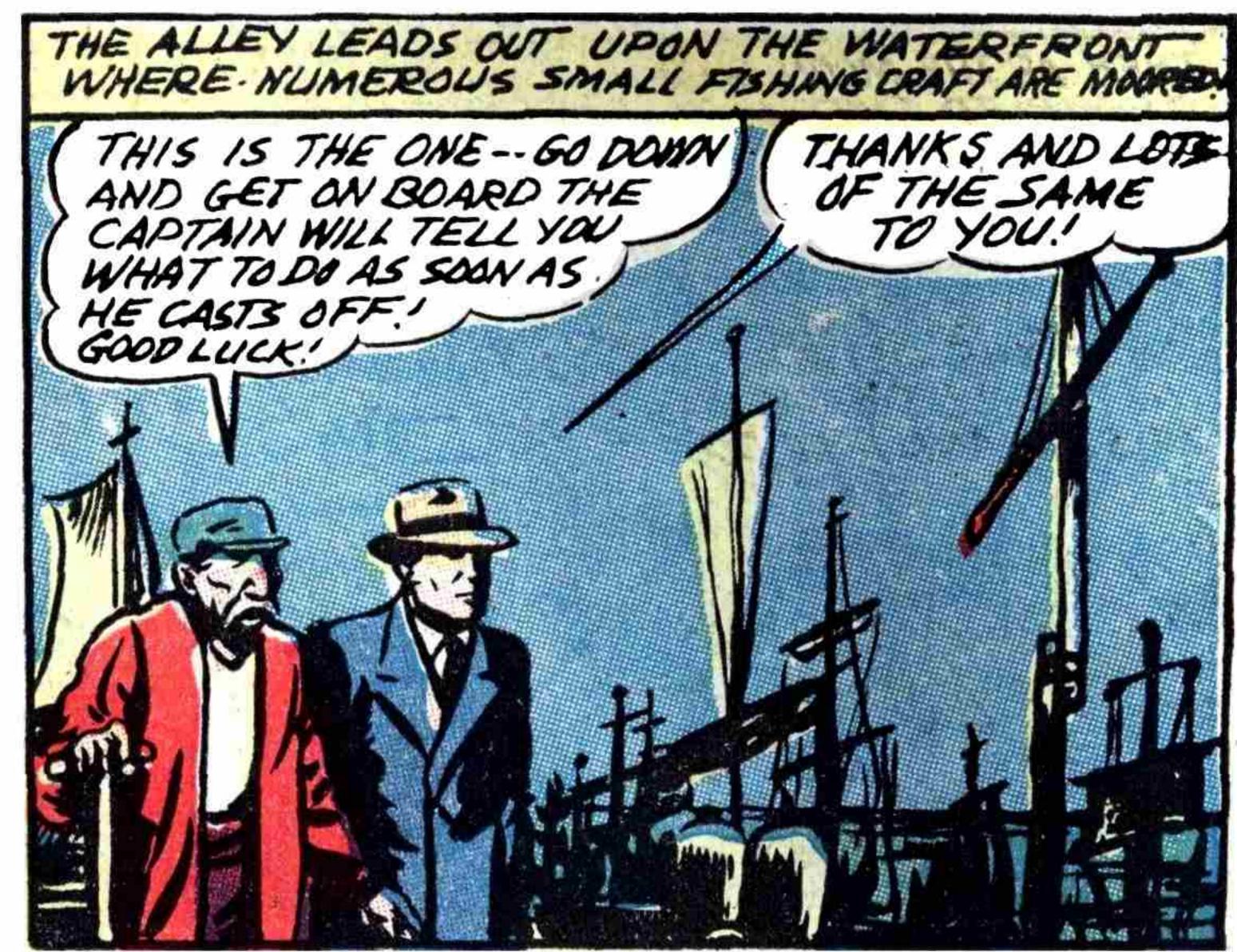


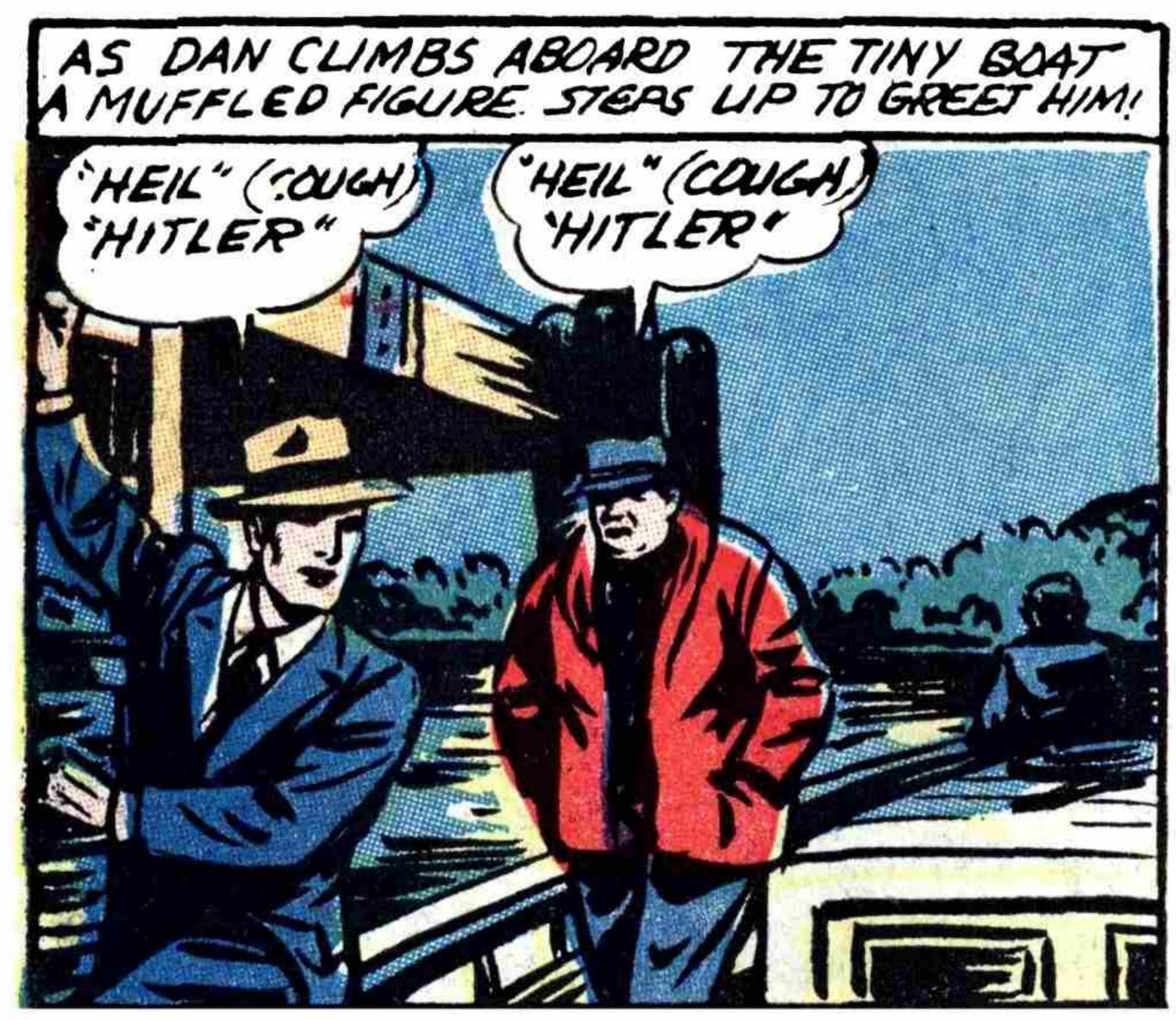


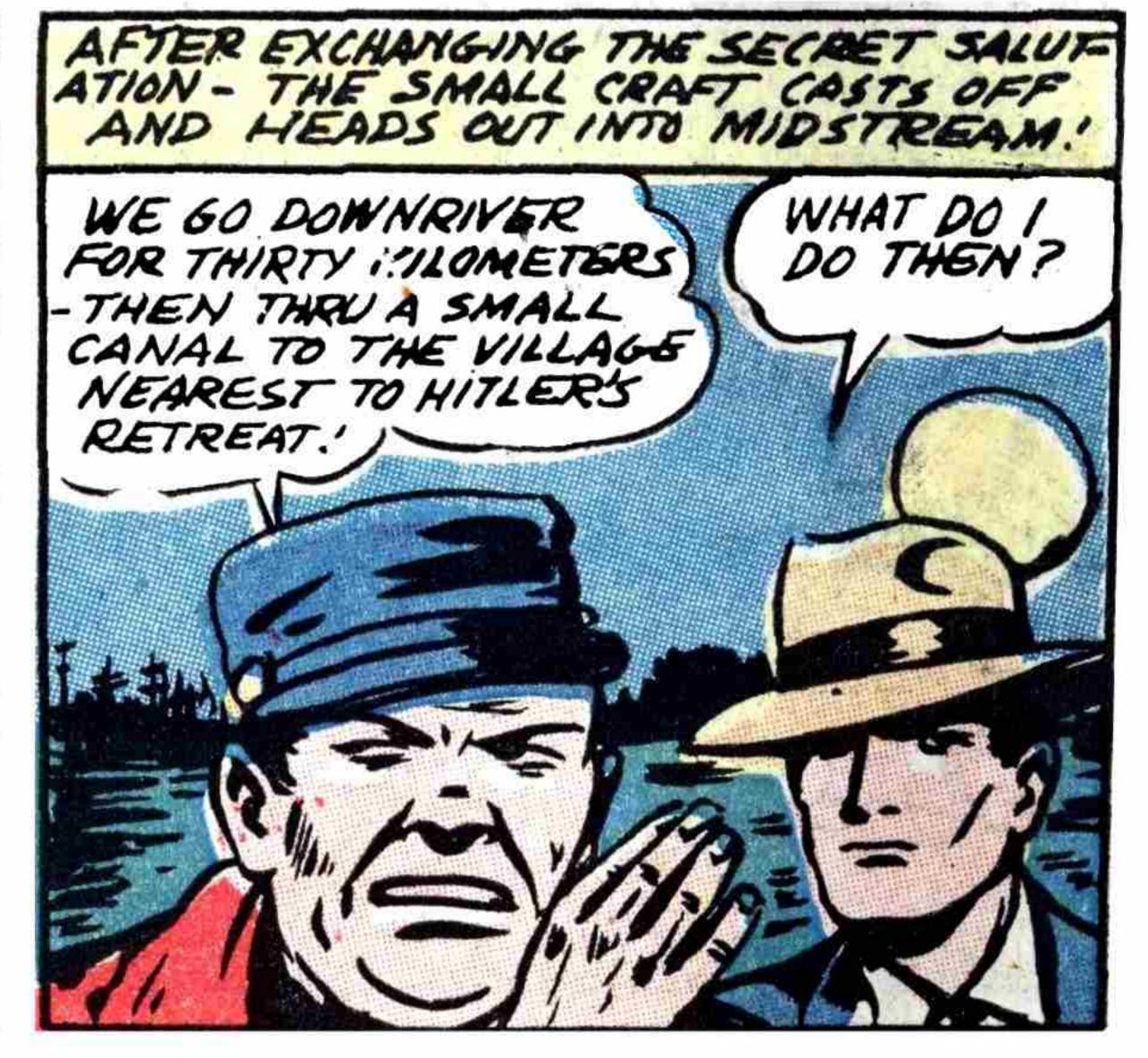


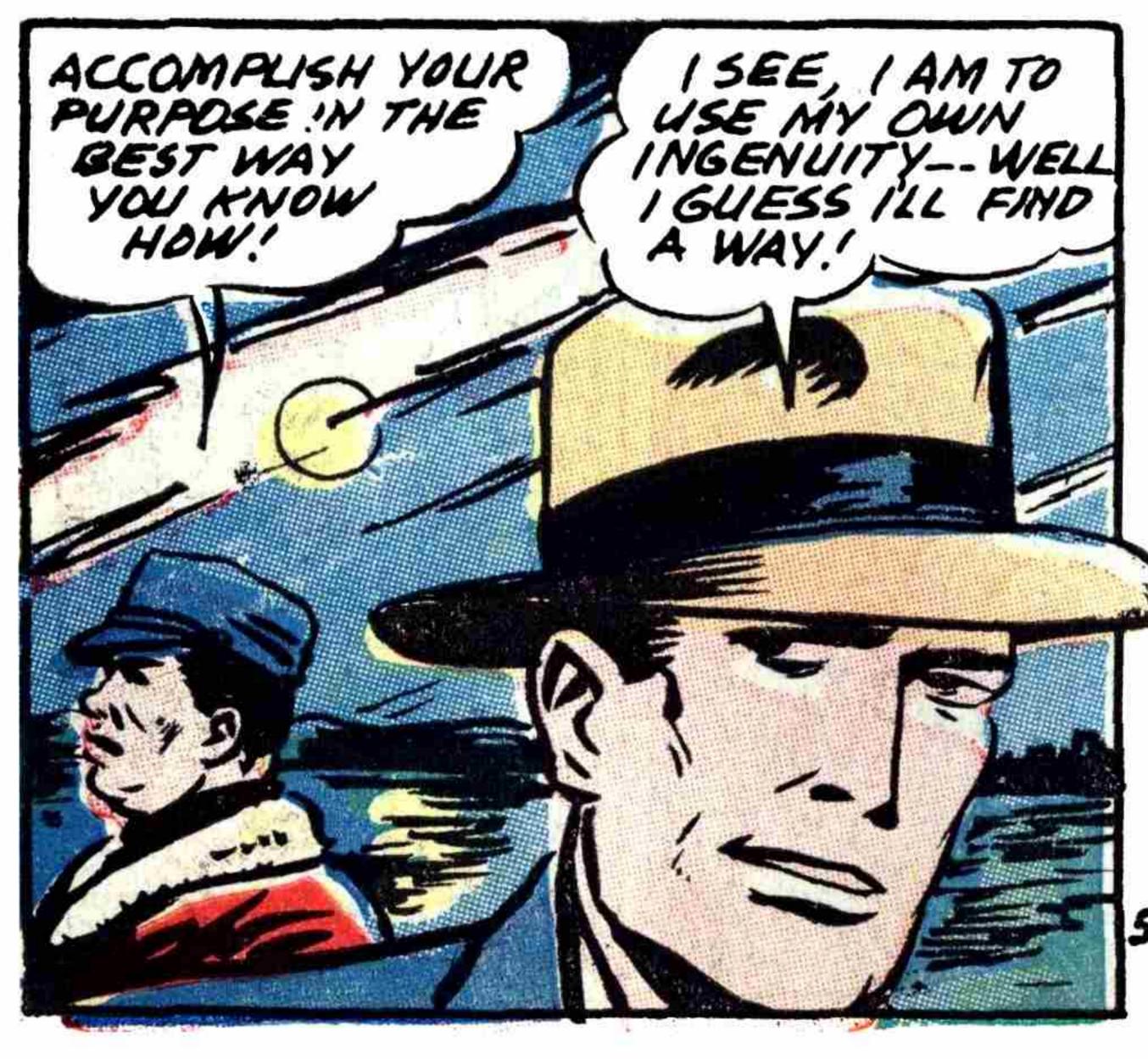


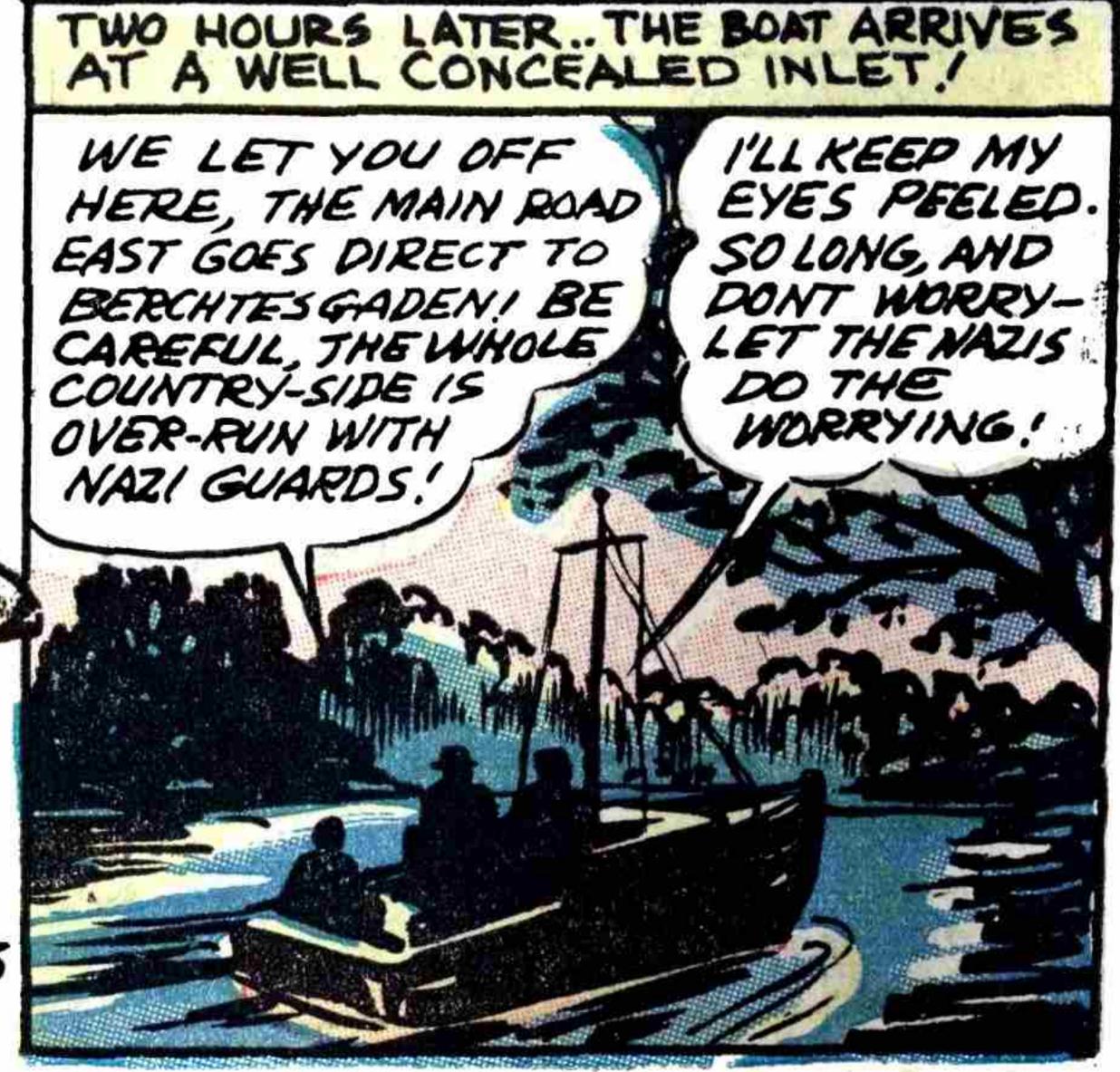


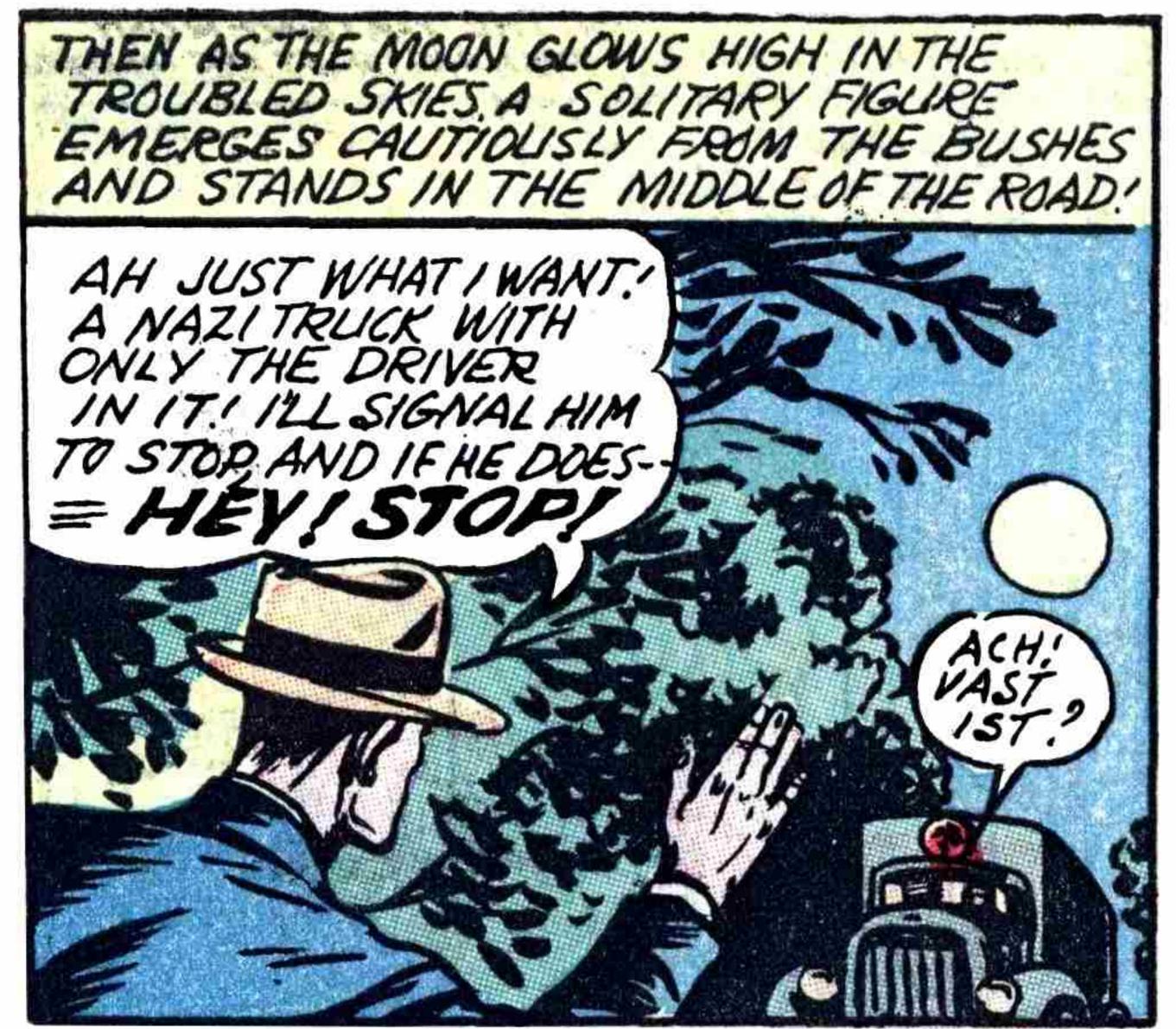






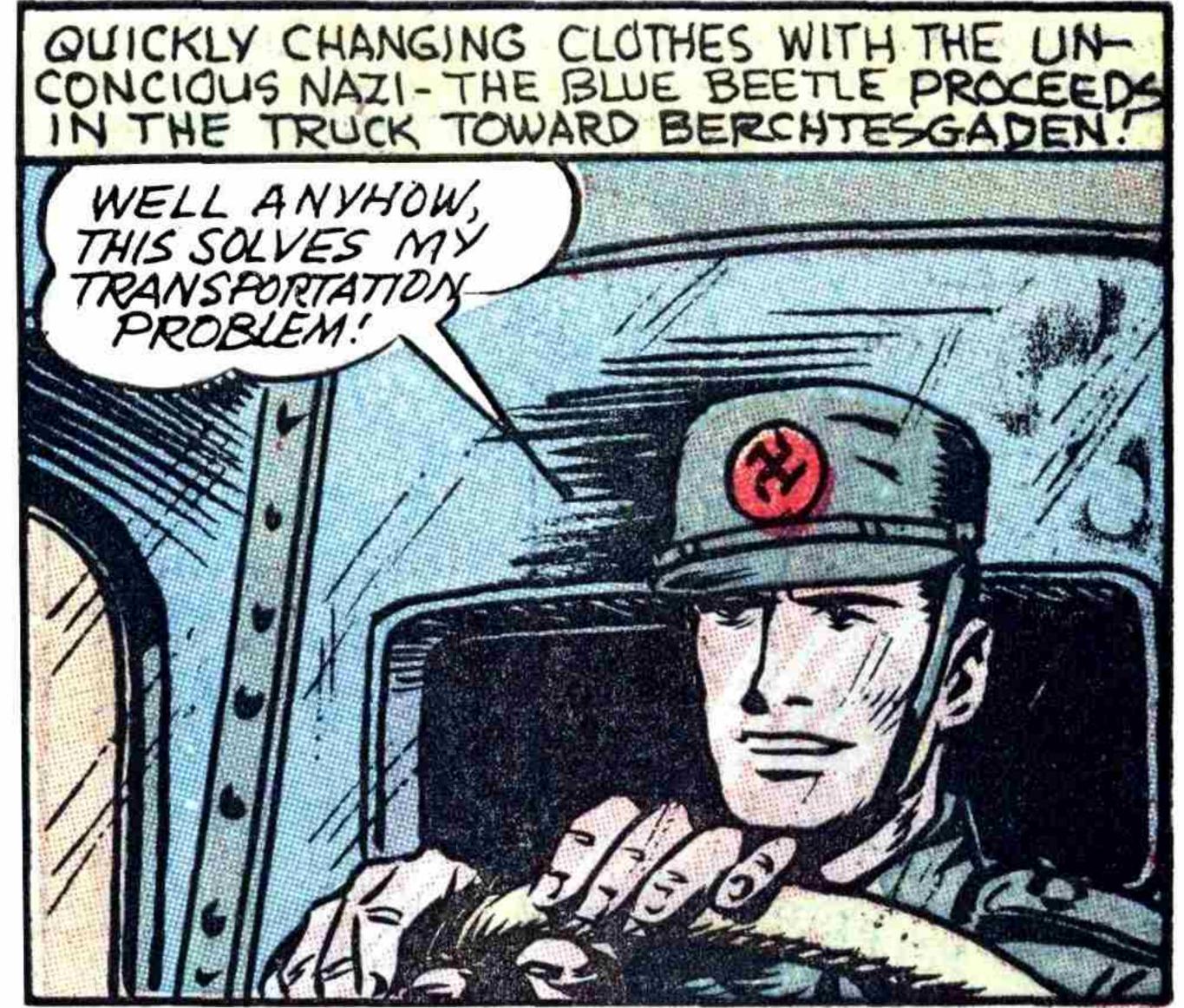




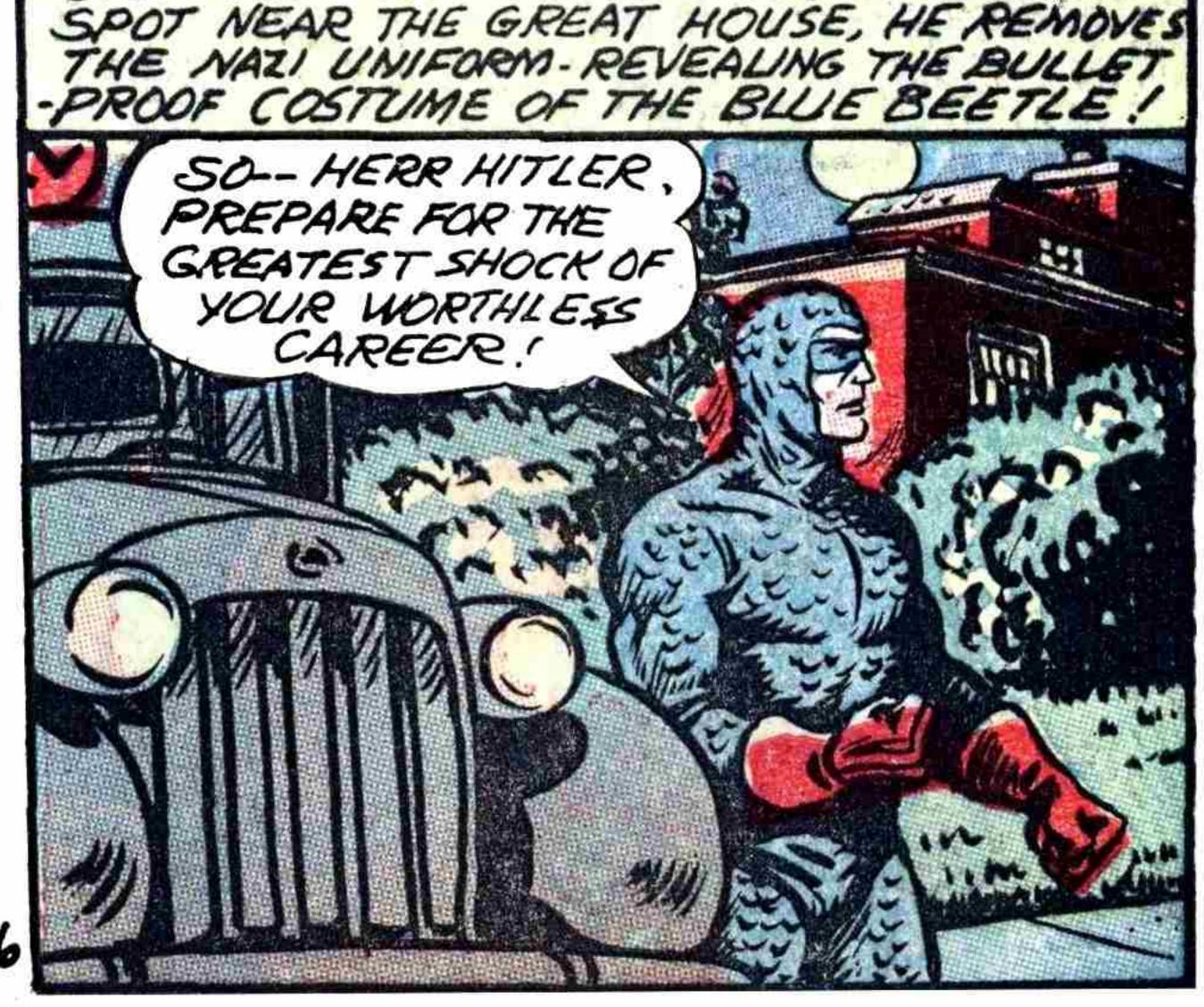












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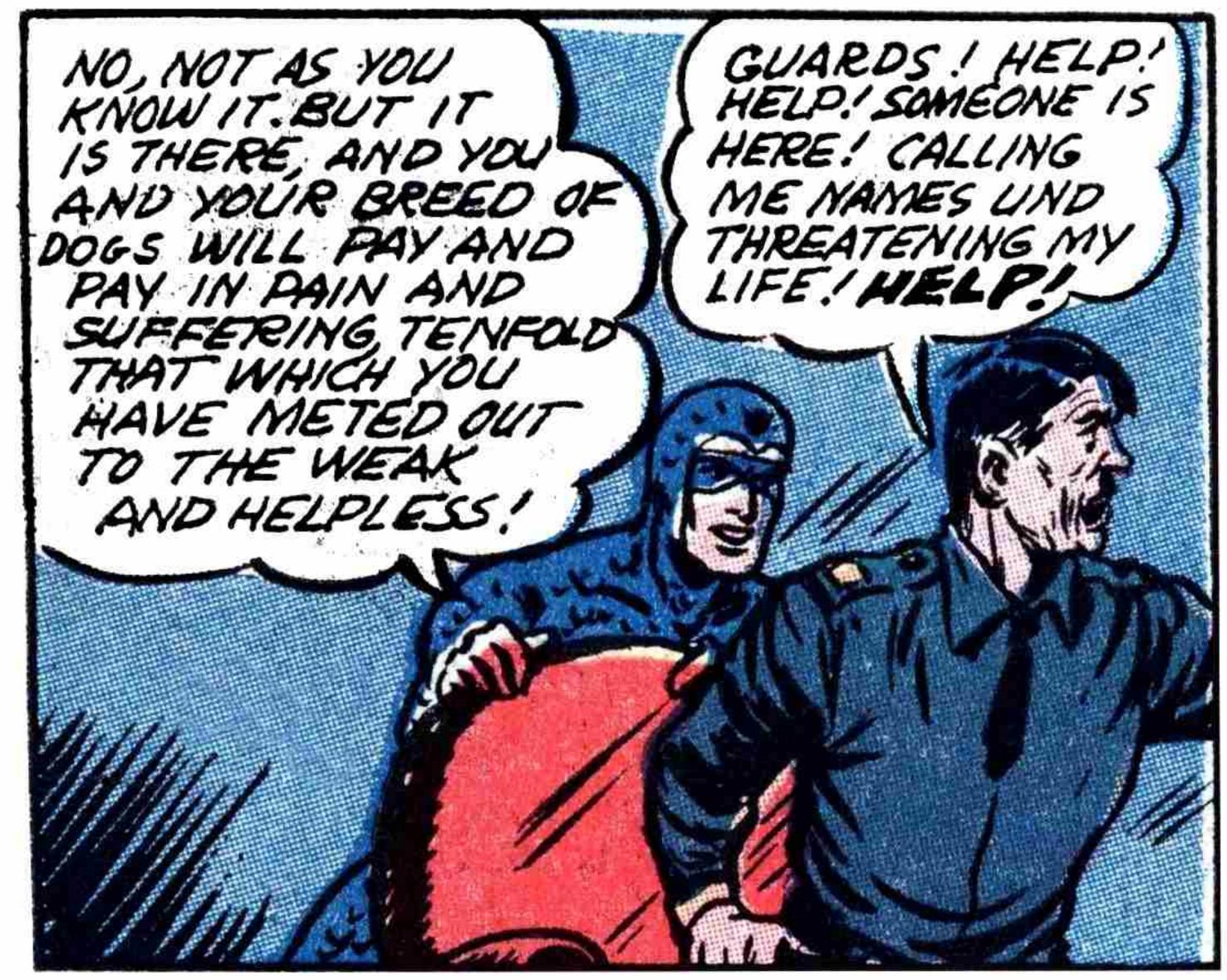
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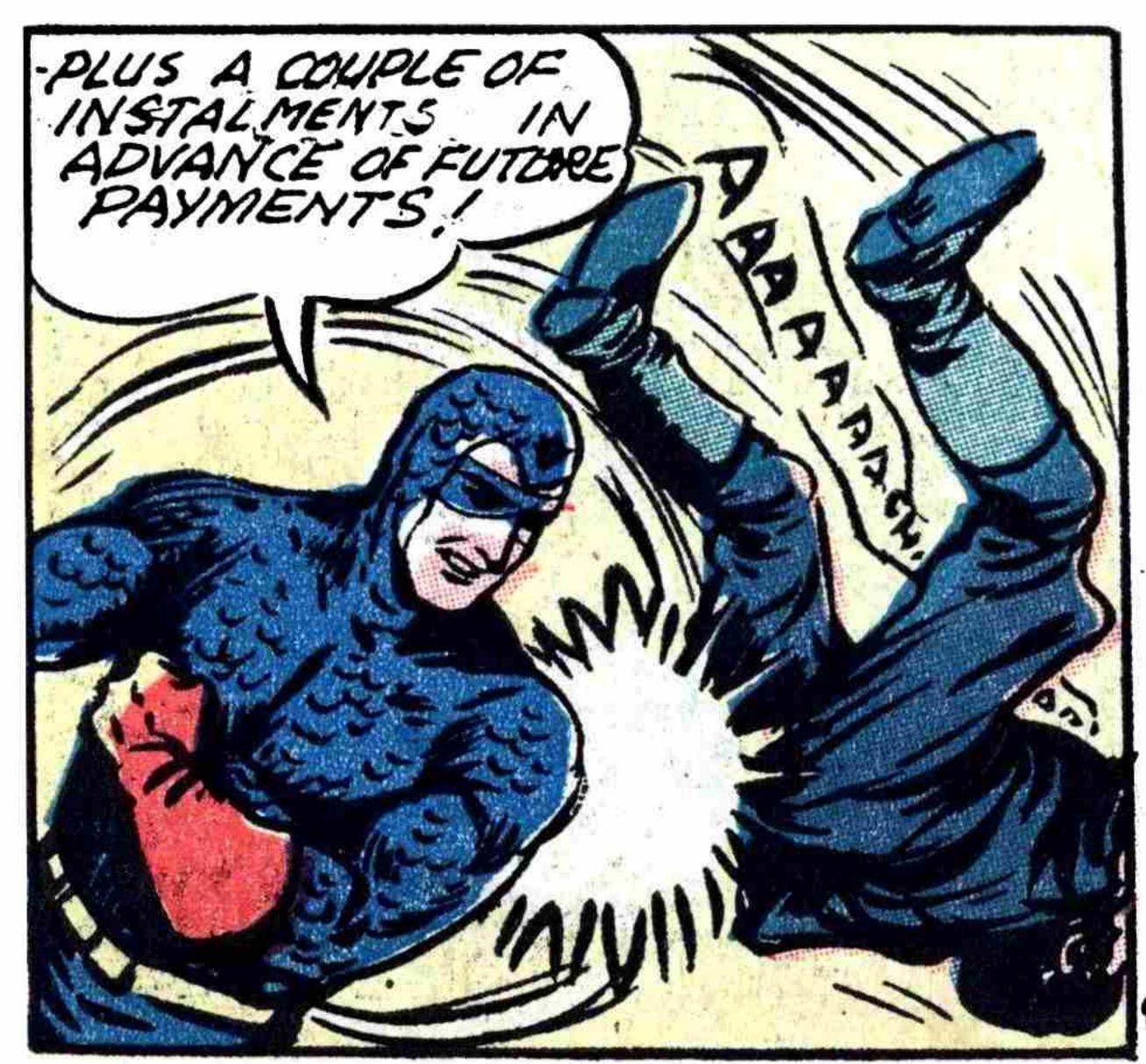


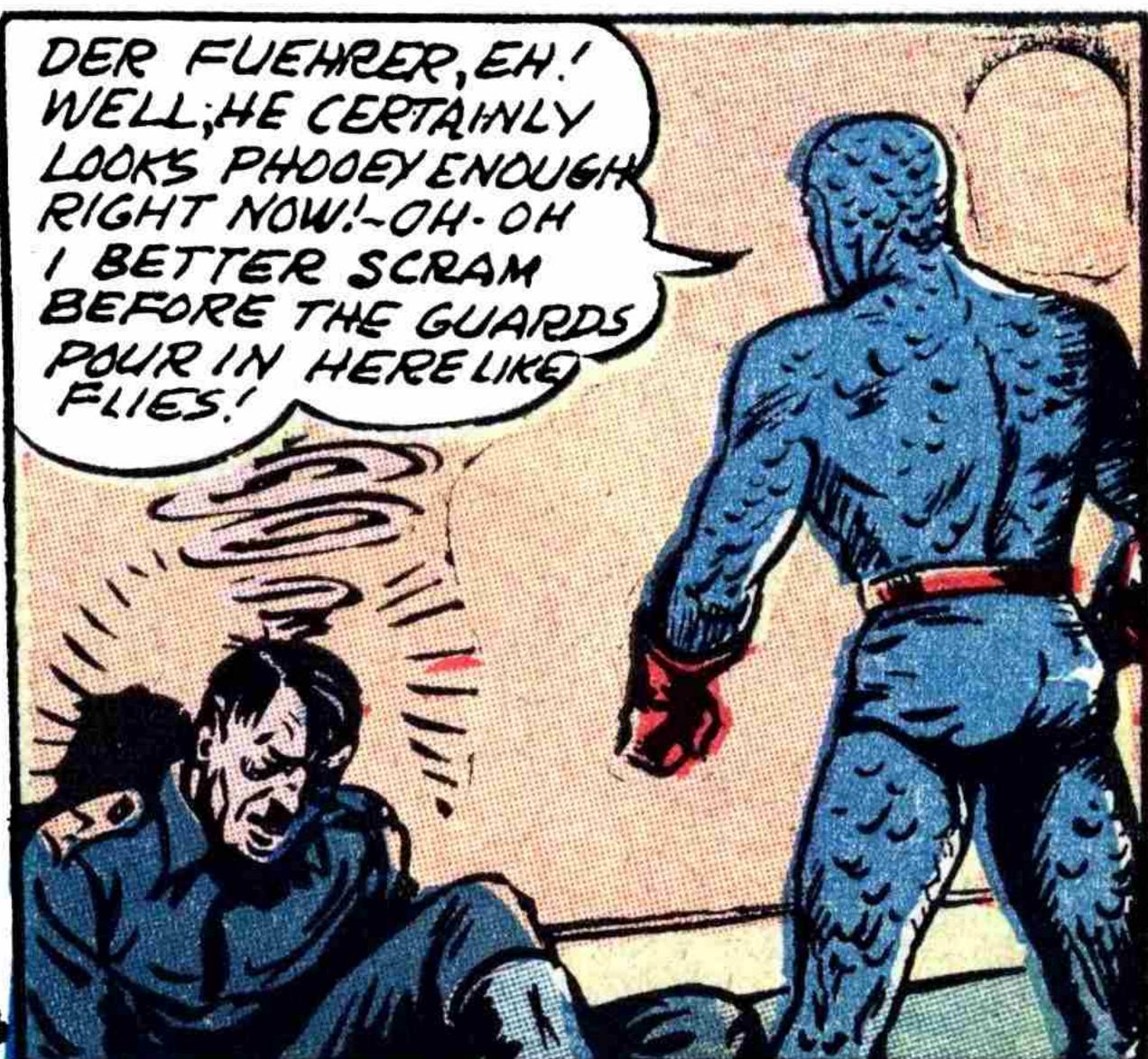




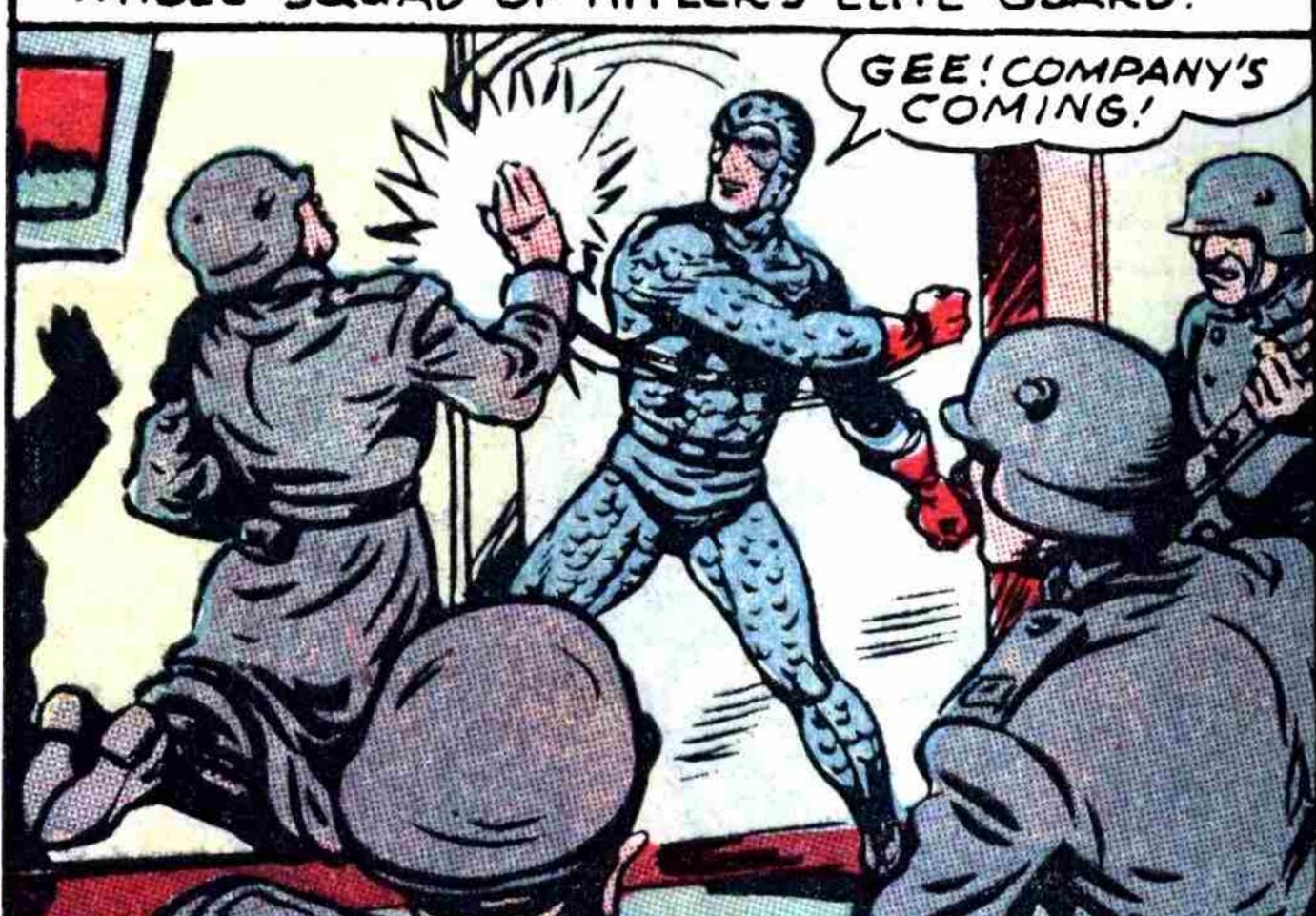








THEN AS THE BLUE BEETLE DASHES THROUGH THE DOOR TO ESCAPE, HE RUNS HEAD ON INTO A WHOLE SQUAD OF HITLER'S ELITE GUARD!













COMMAND TO FIRE, AND PULLING THE TRIGGERS...
THE BLUE BEETLE LEAPS STRAIGHT UP! OUT OF
RANGE, BESIDE HITLER ON THE PARAPET!





THEN AS THE HELPLESS NAZIS STAND PETRIFIED WITH AMAZEMENT!... THE BLUE BEETLE'S HAND DARTS OUT LIKE A SNAKE AND THE CRINGING FUEHRER EMITS A PIERCING, SOUL SHATTERING SCREAM!



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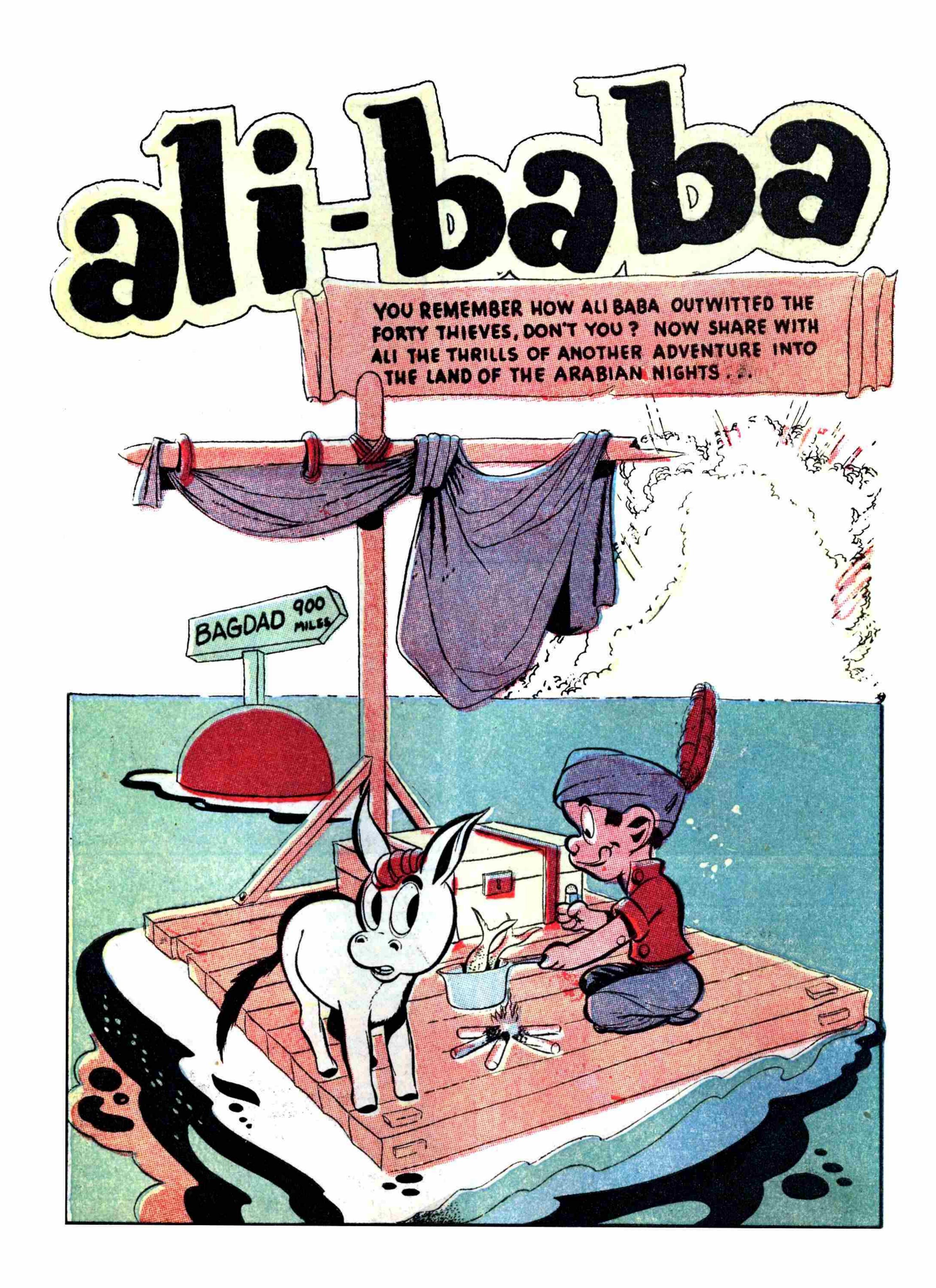
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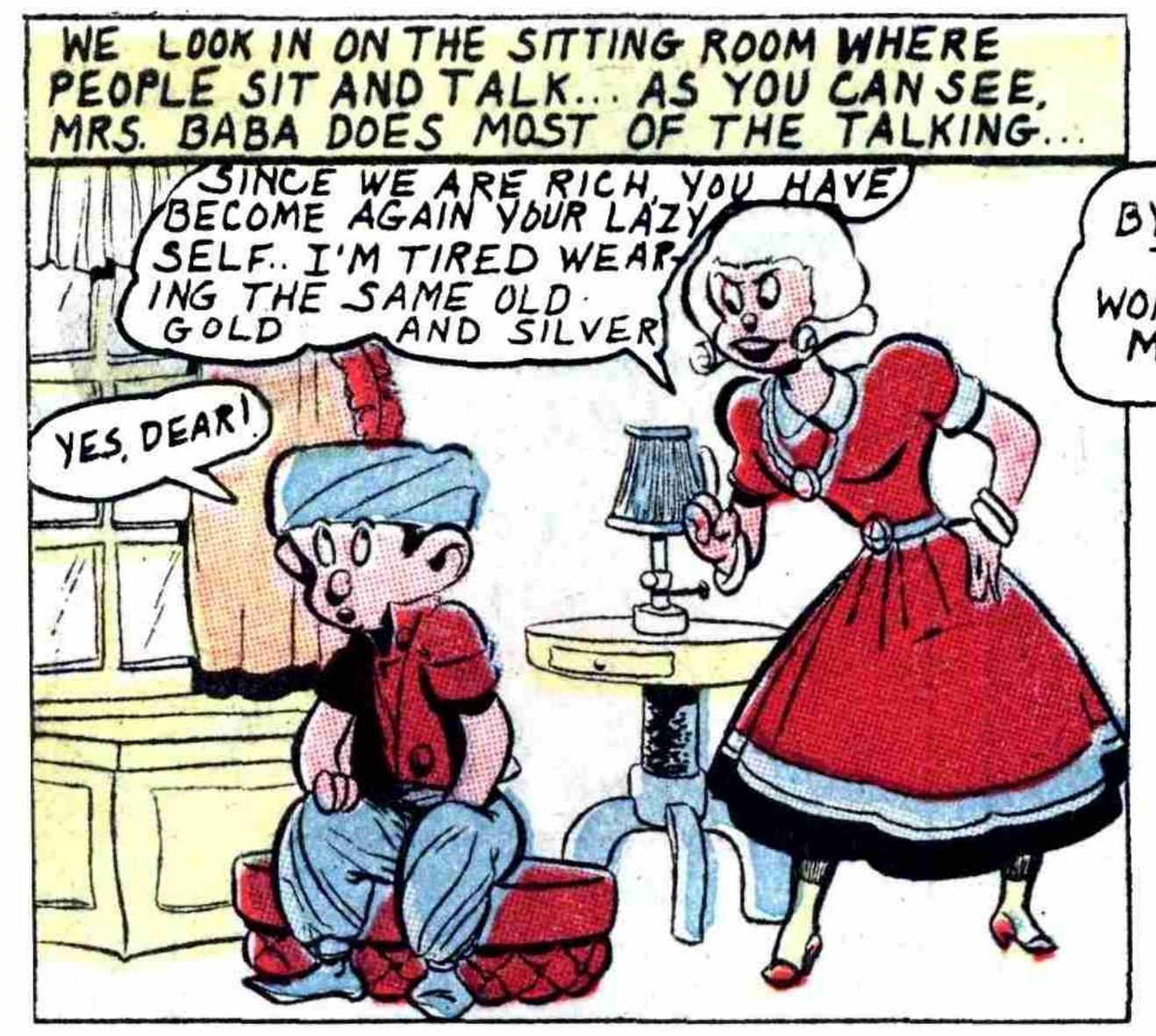


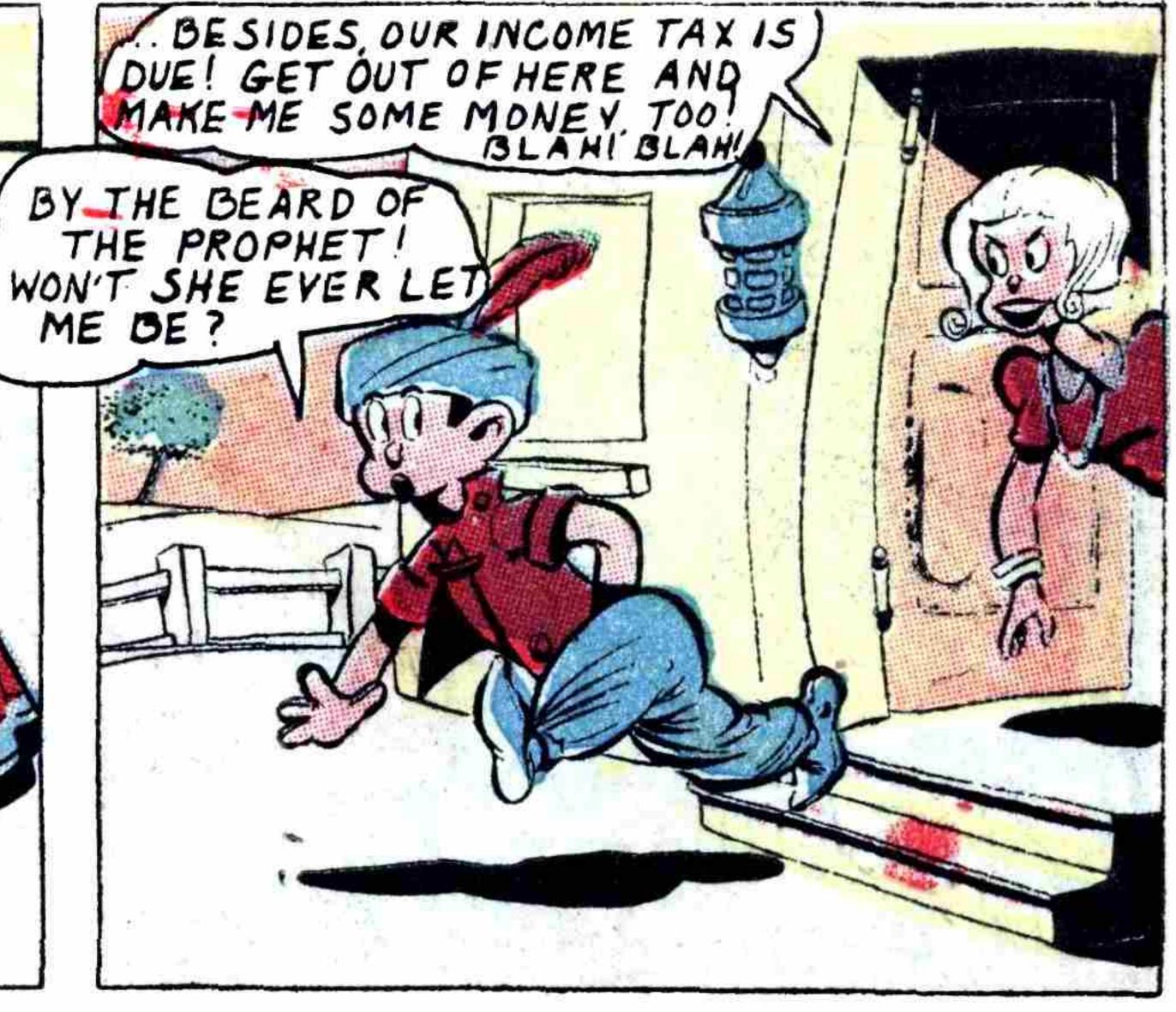


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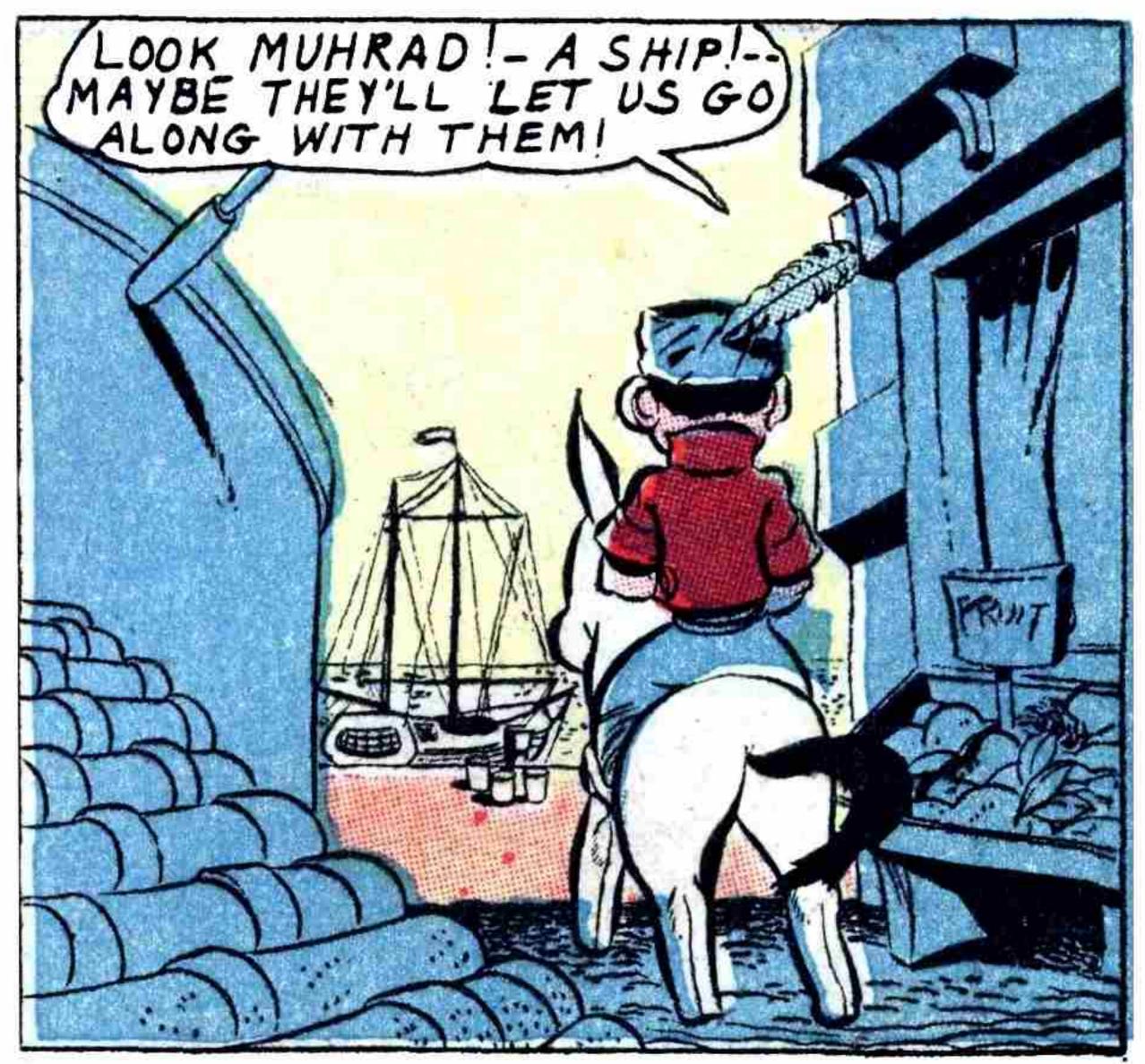
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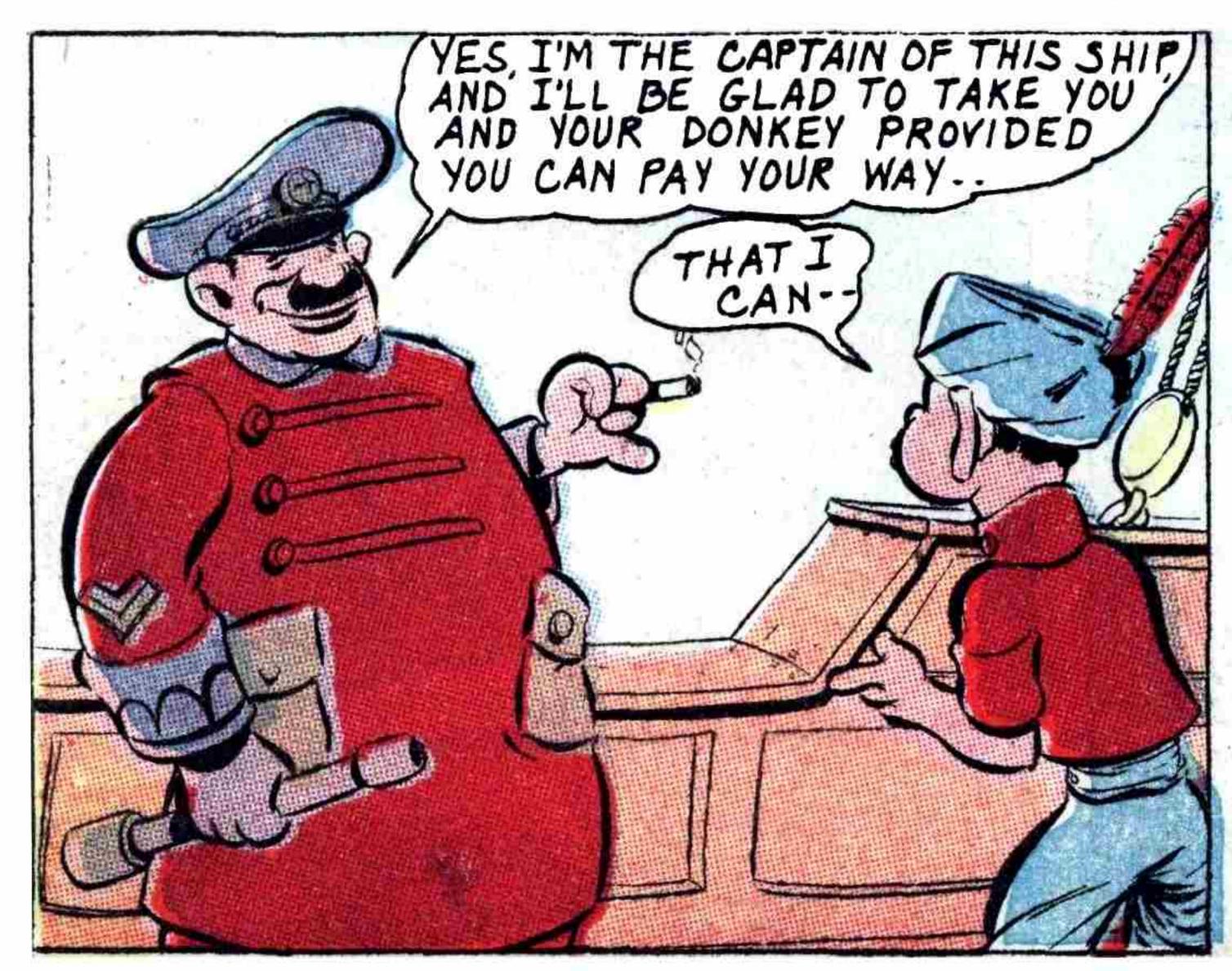




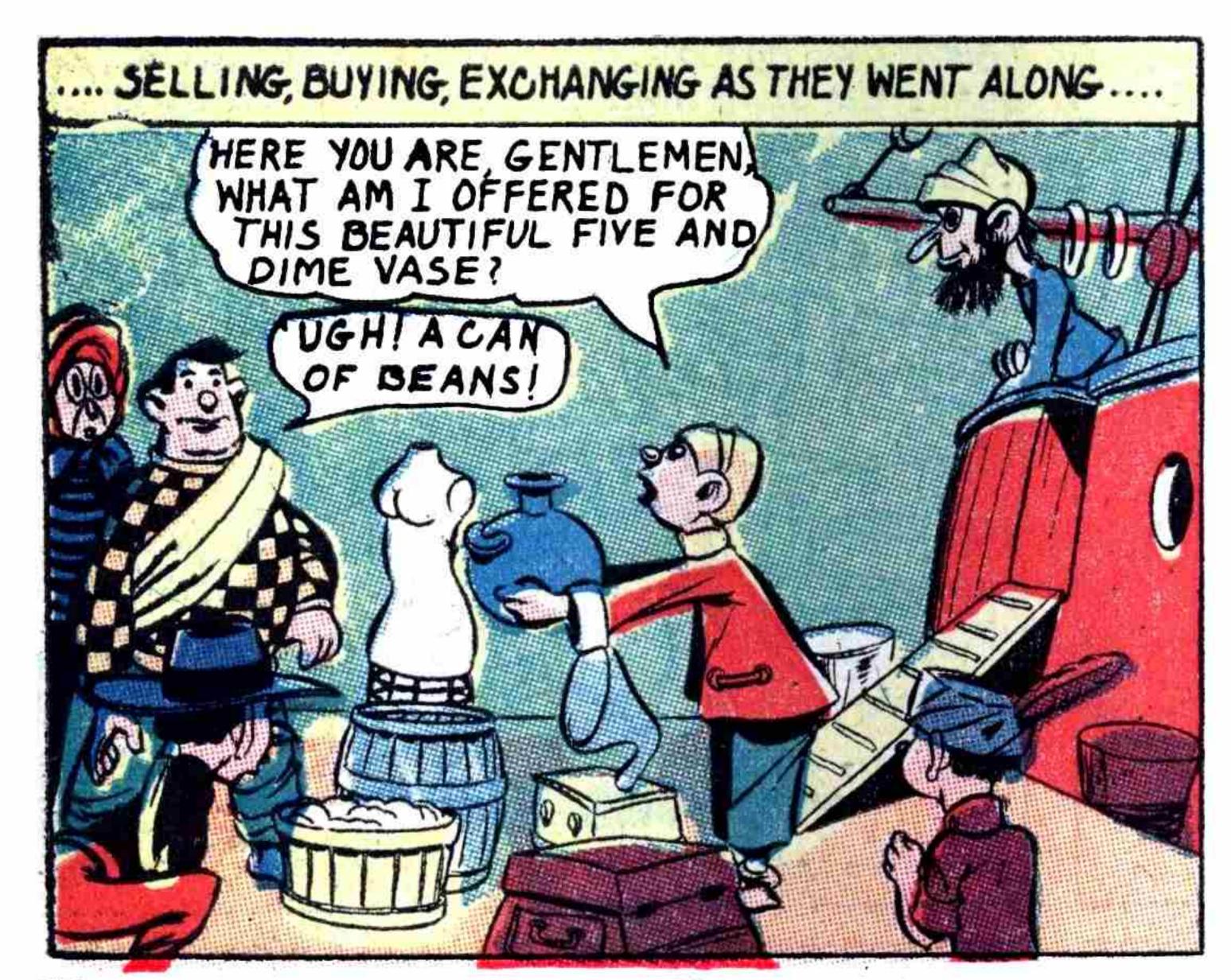




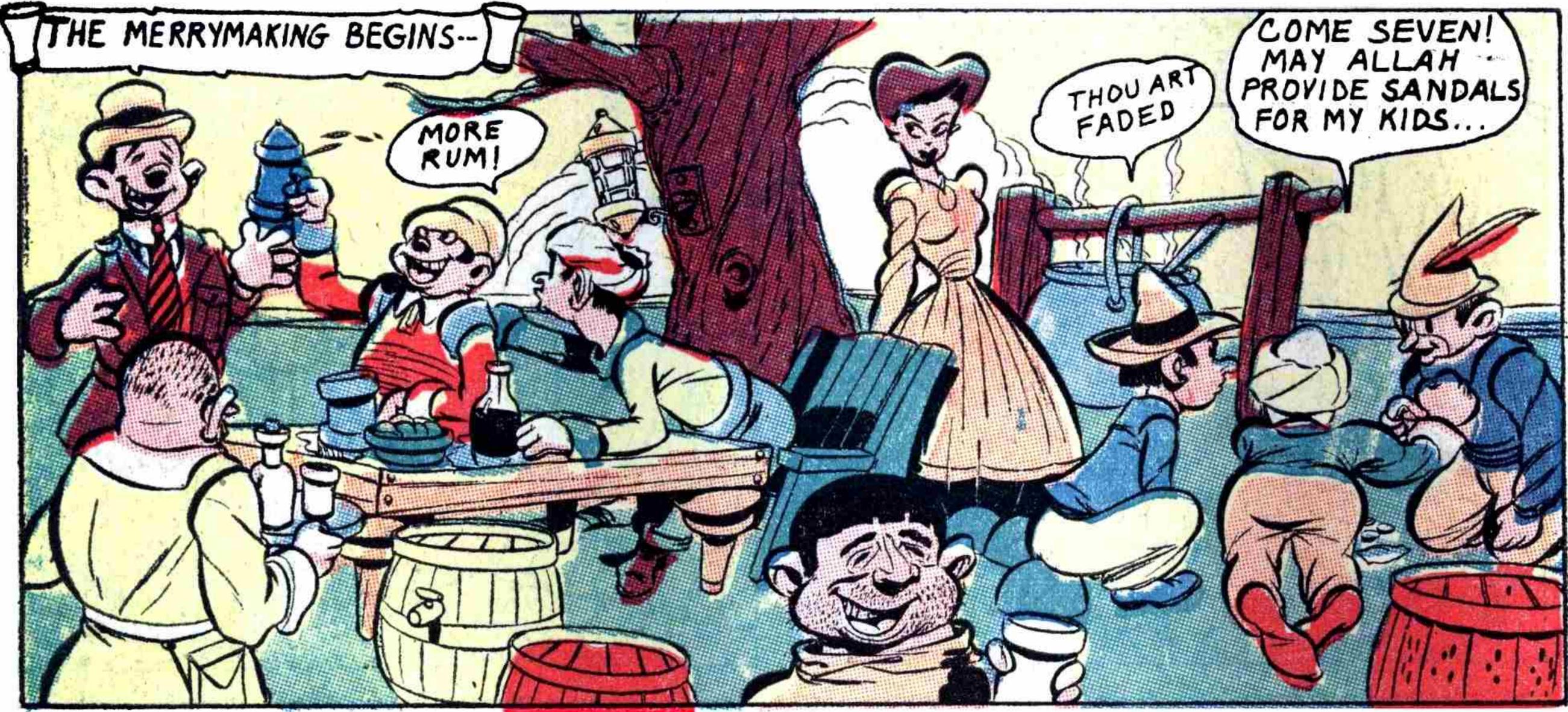


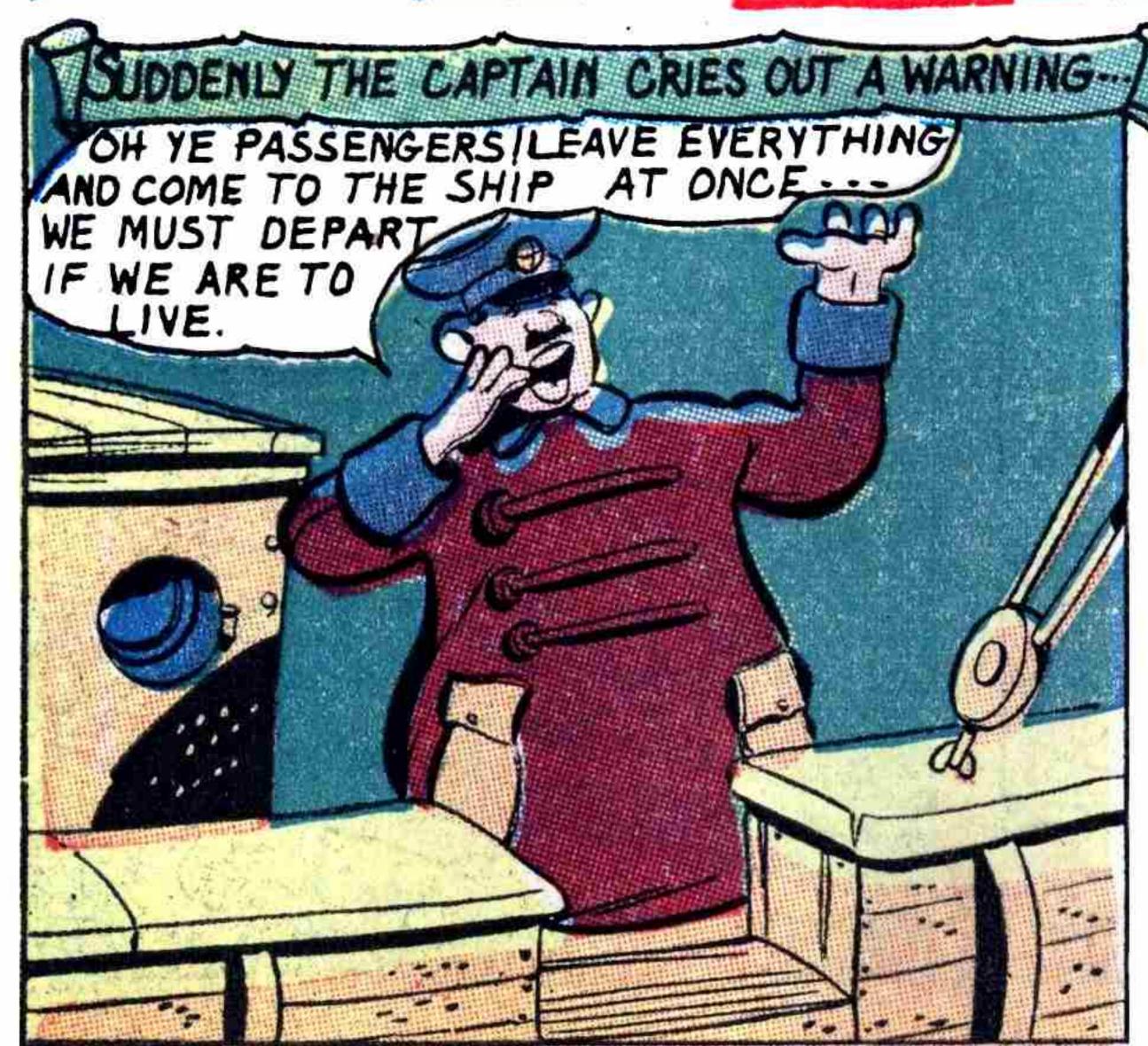


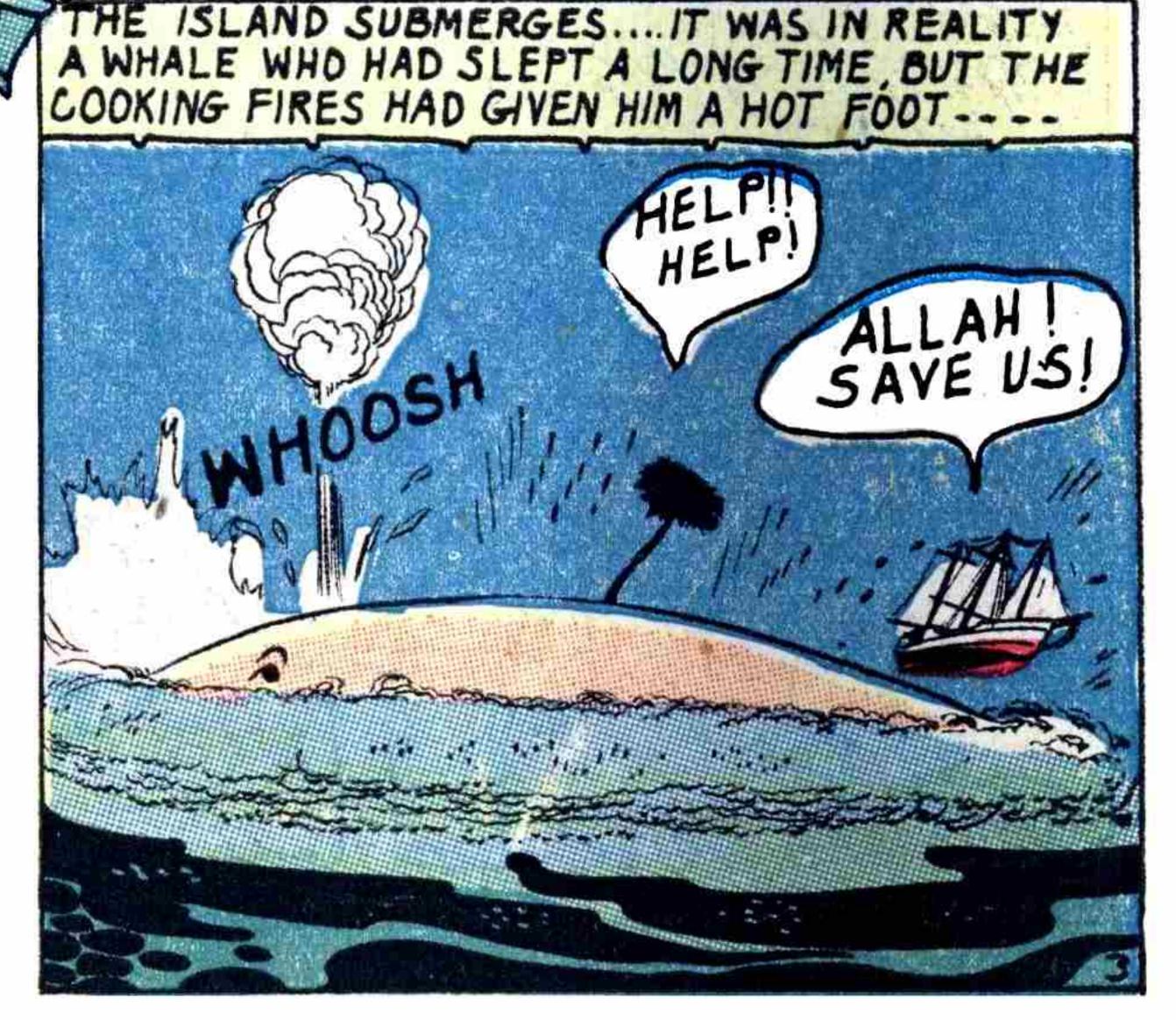






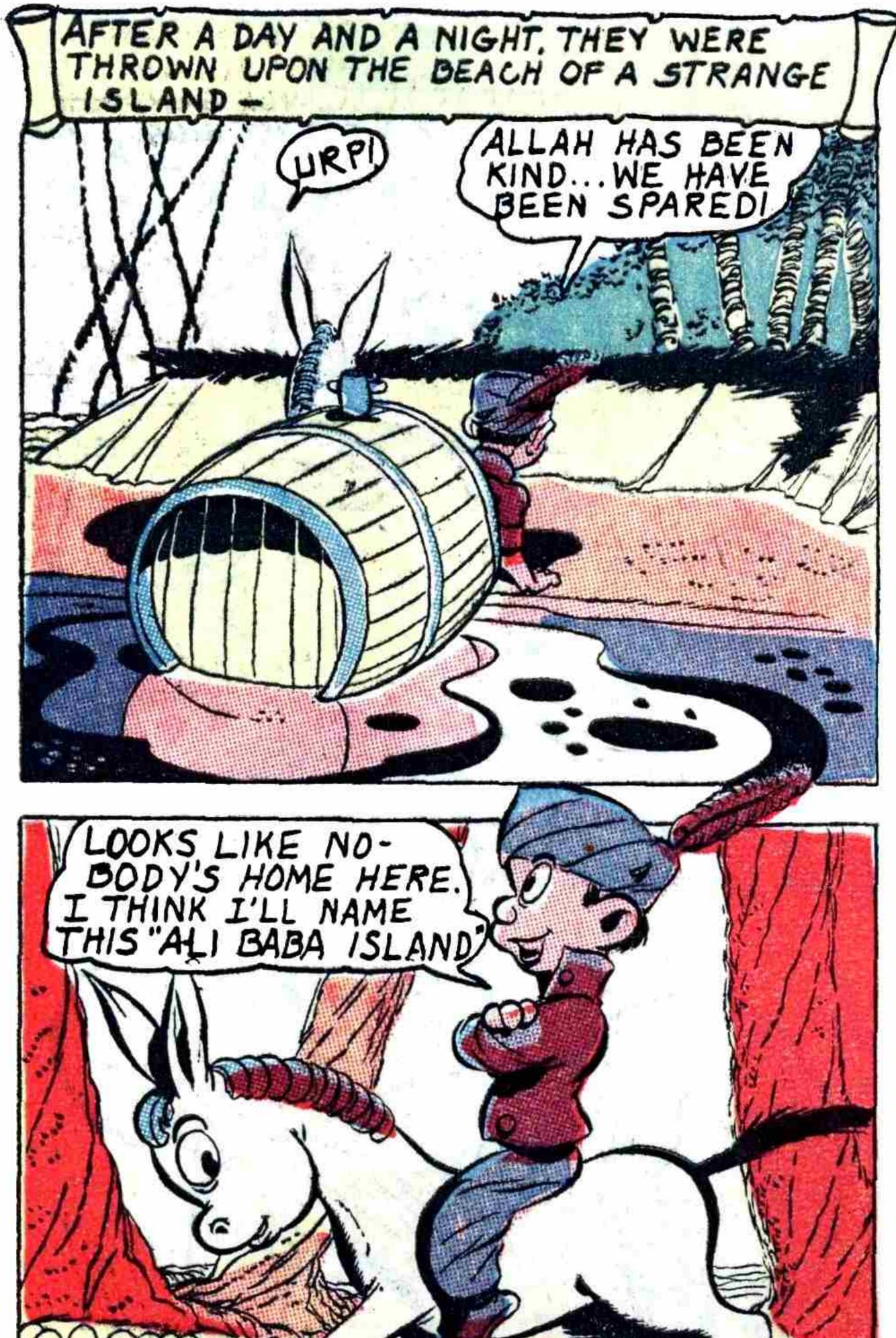


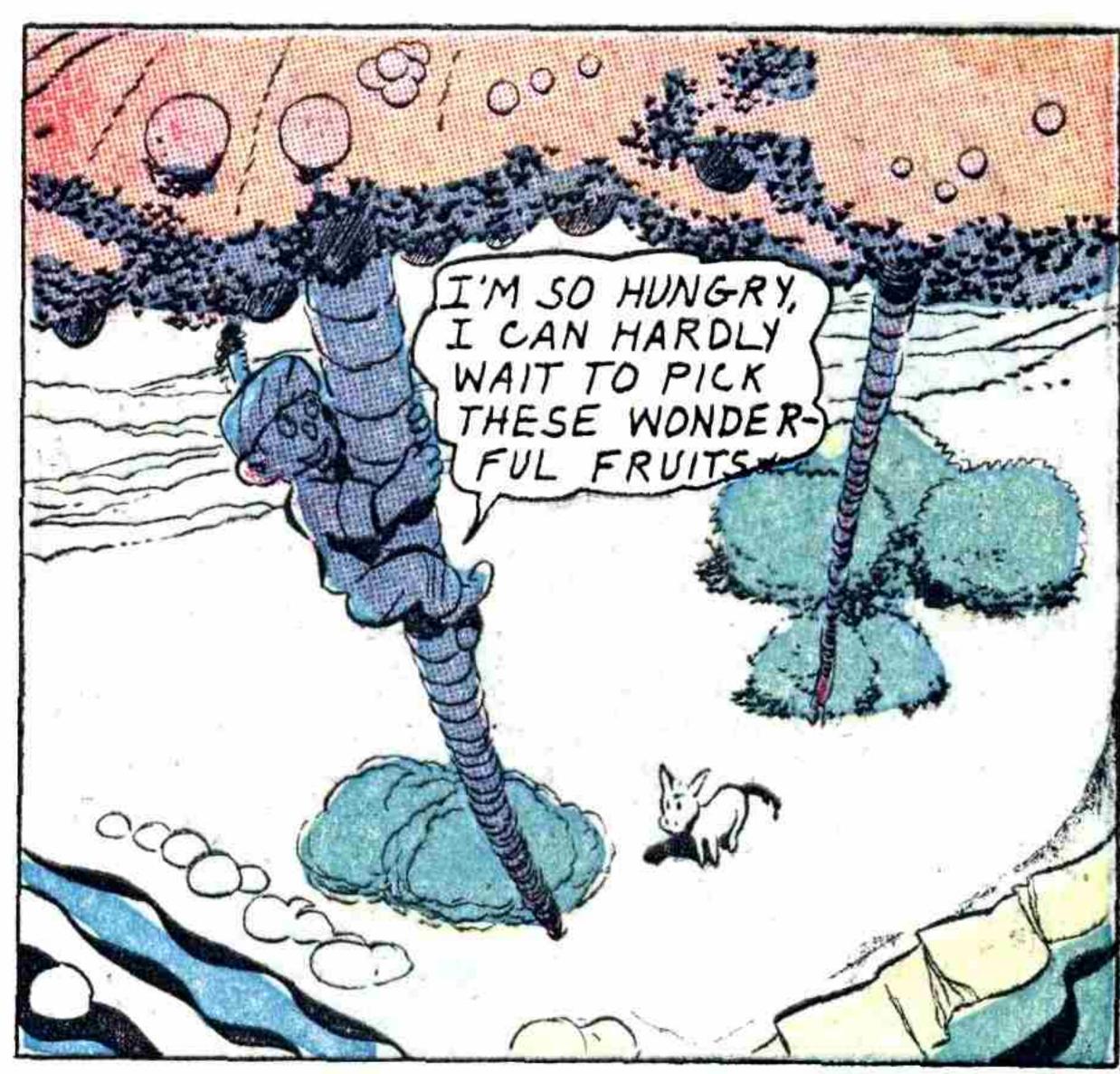


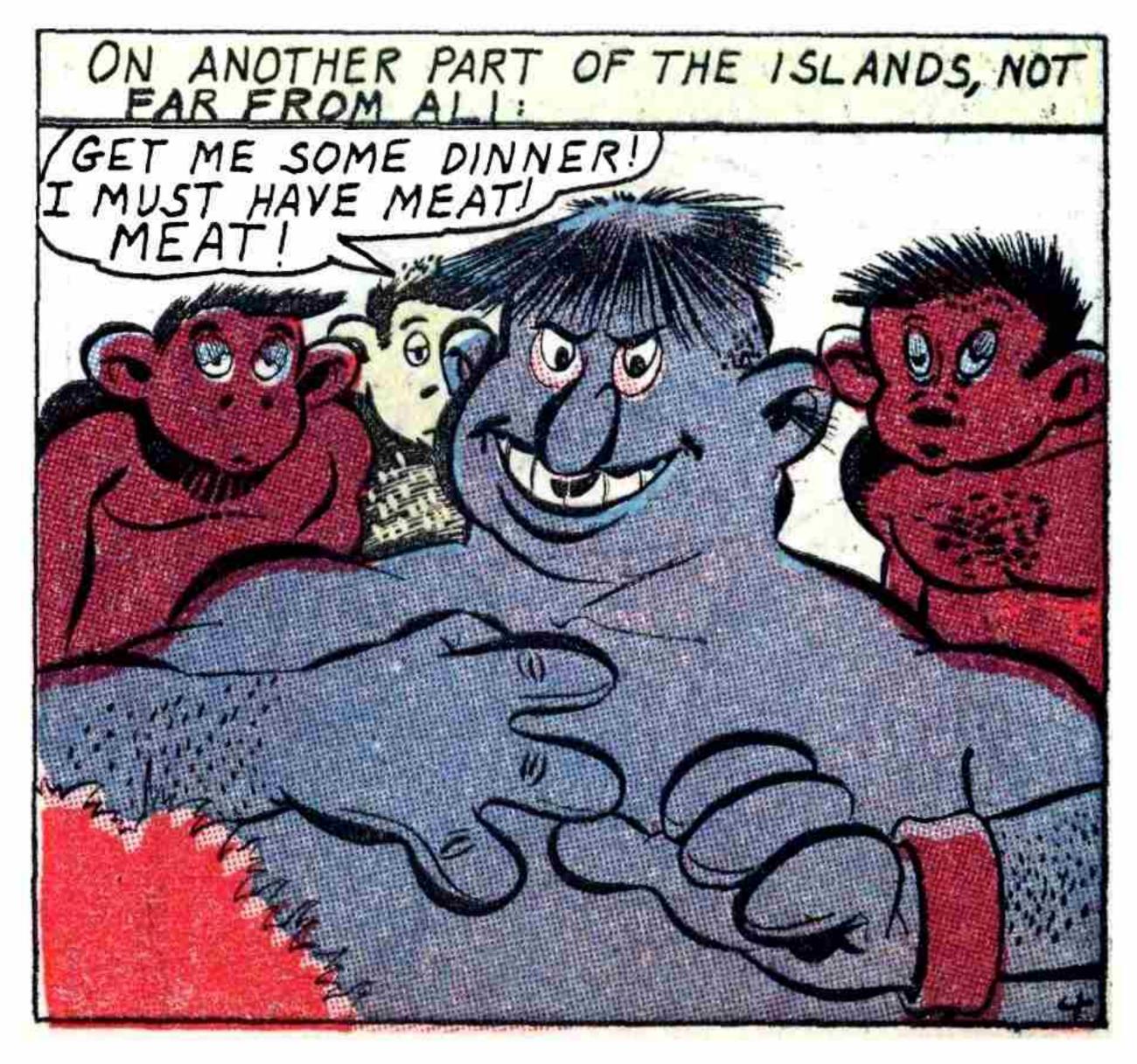








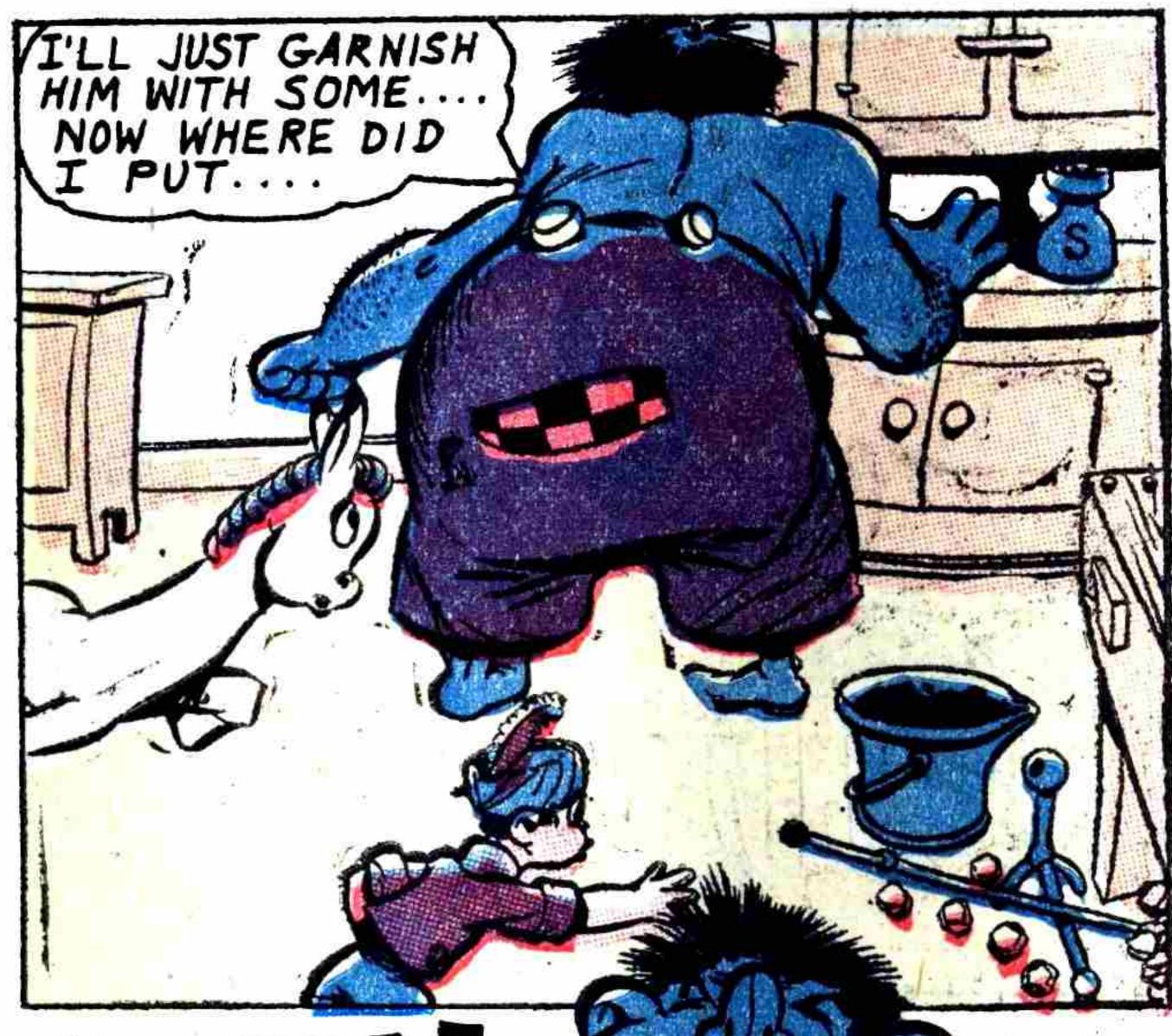


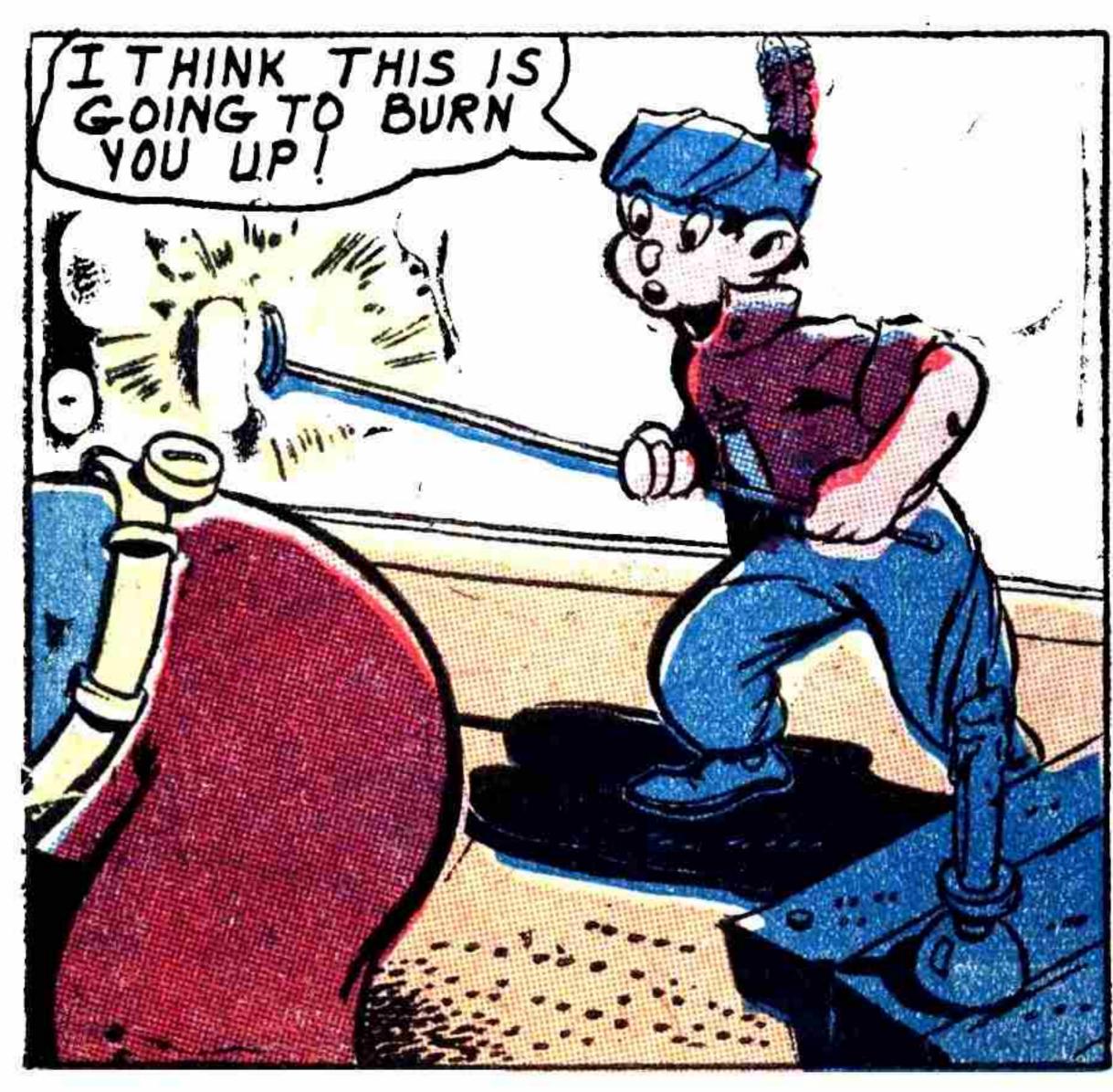


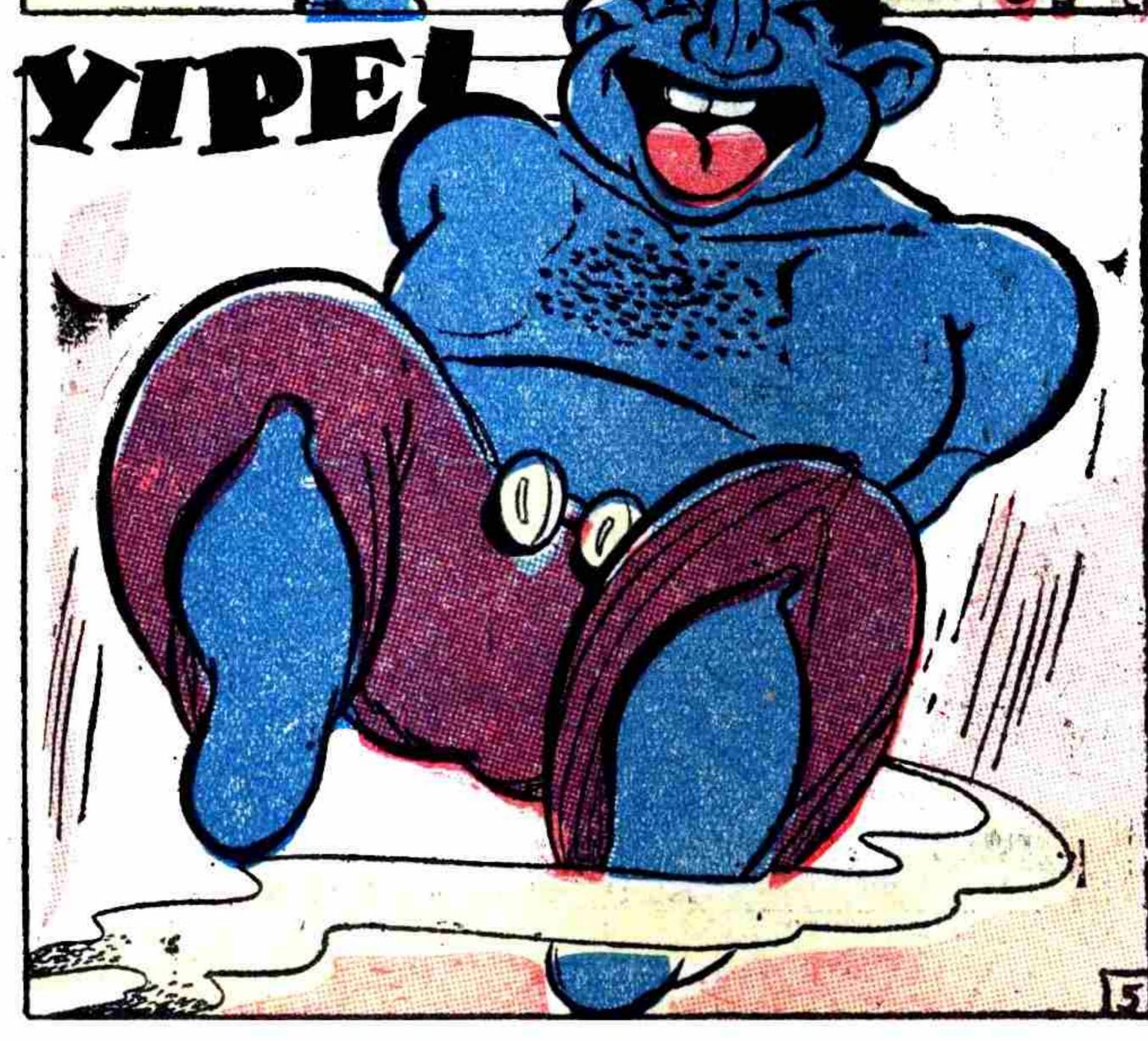


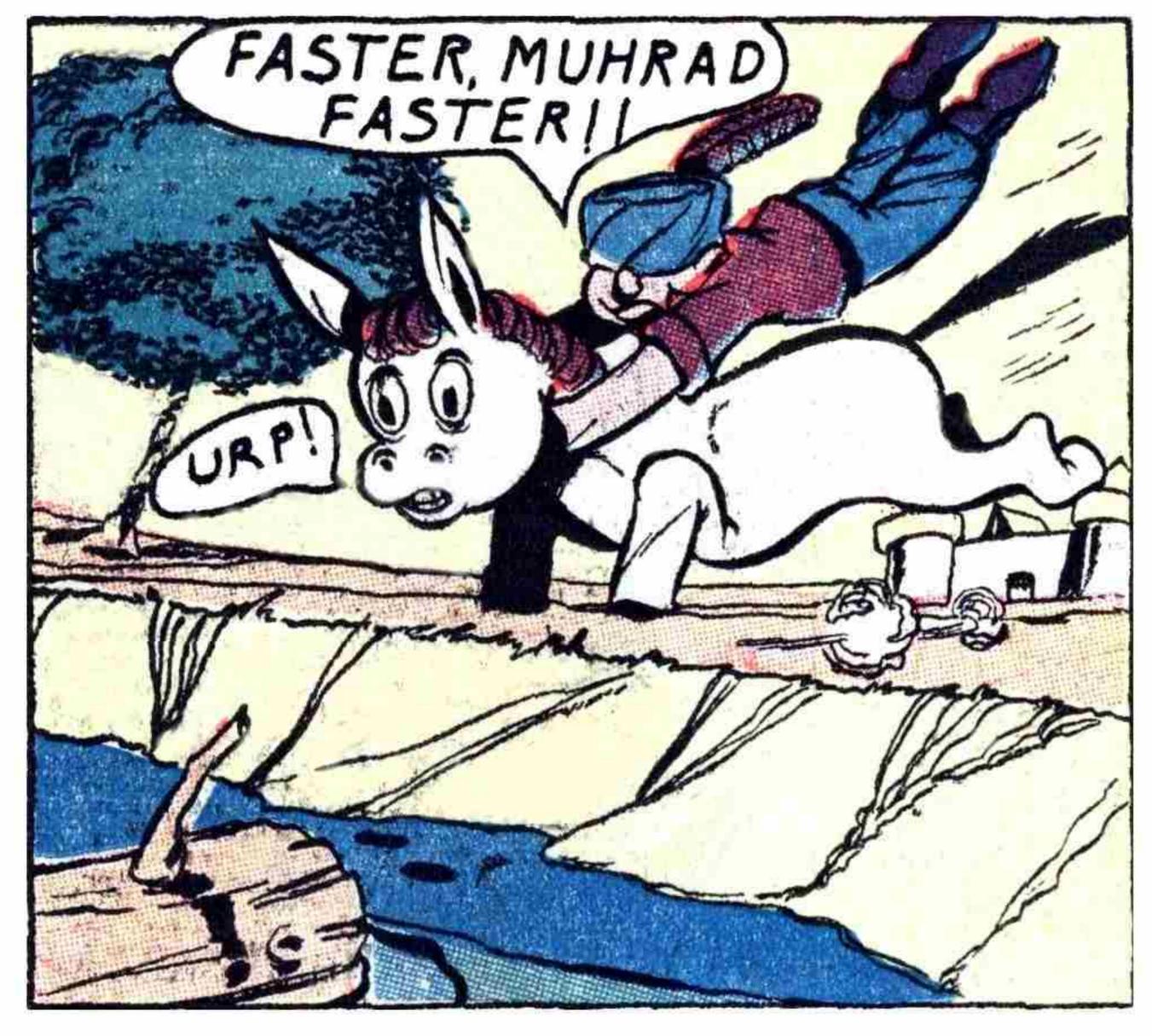




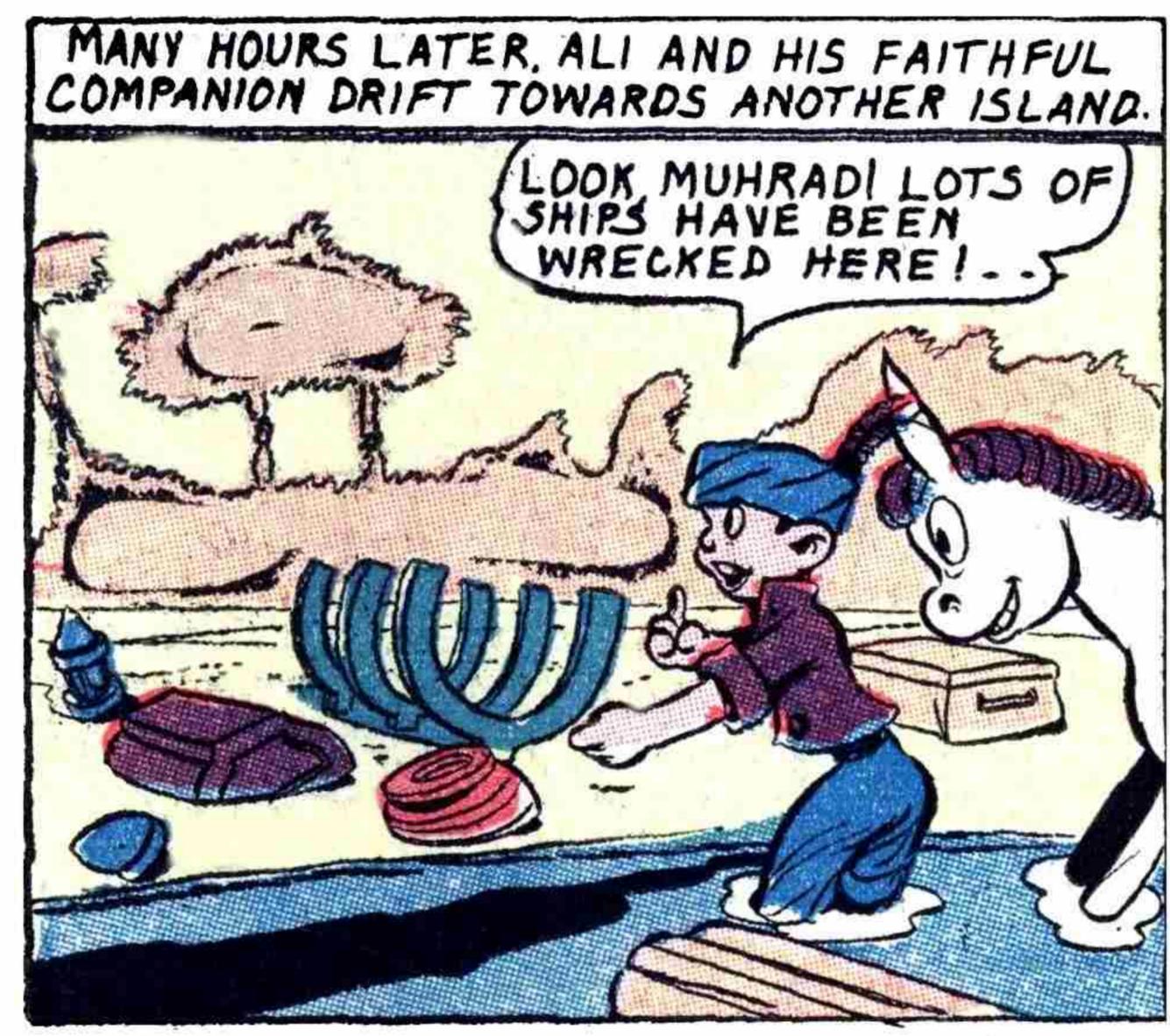




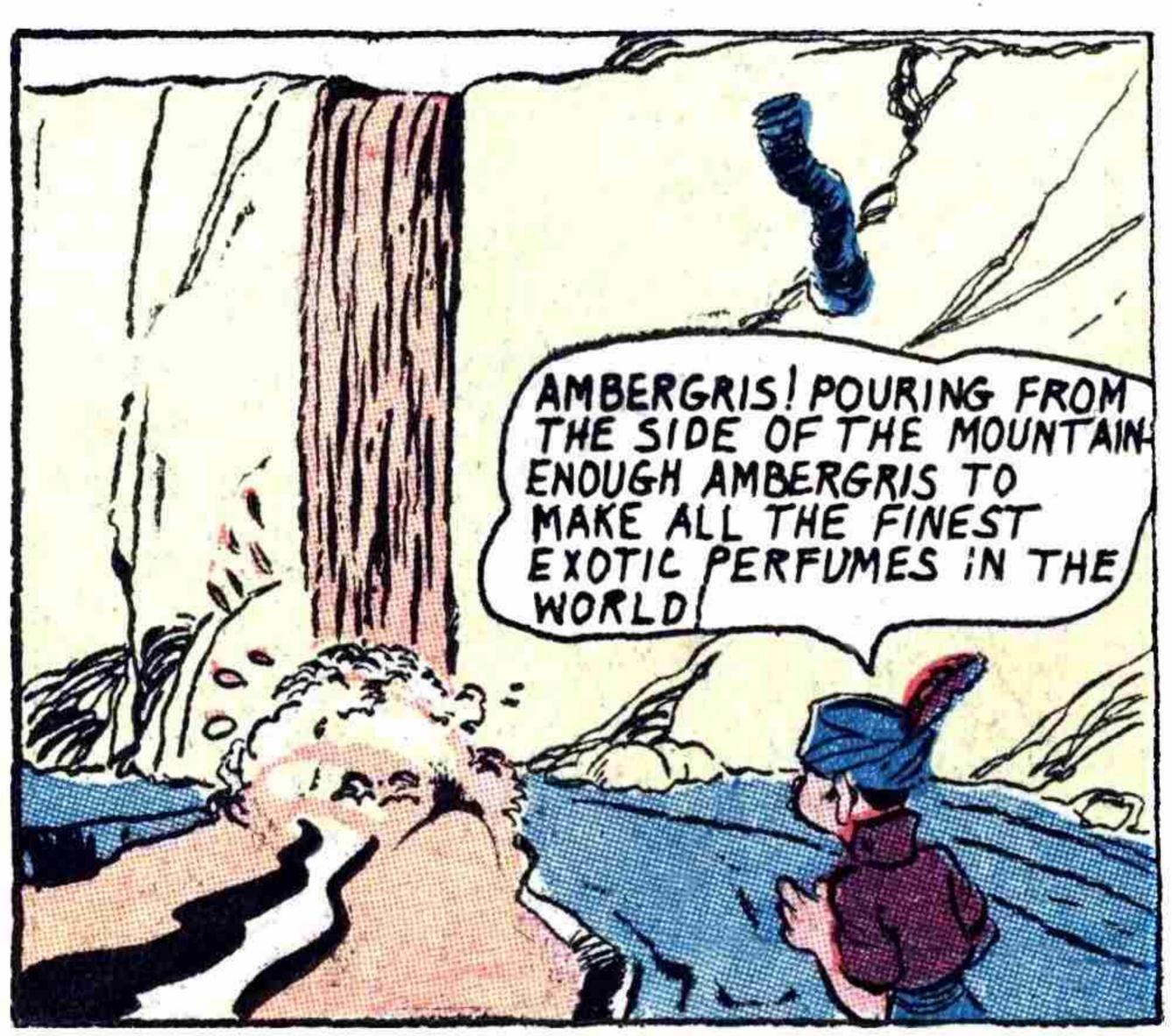


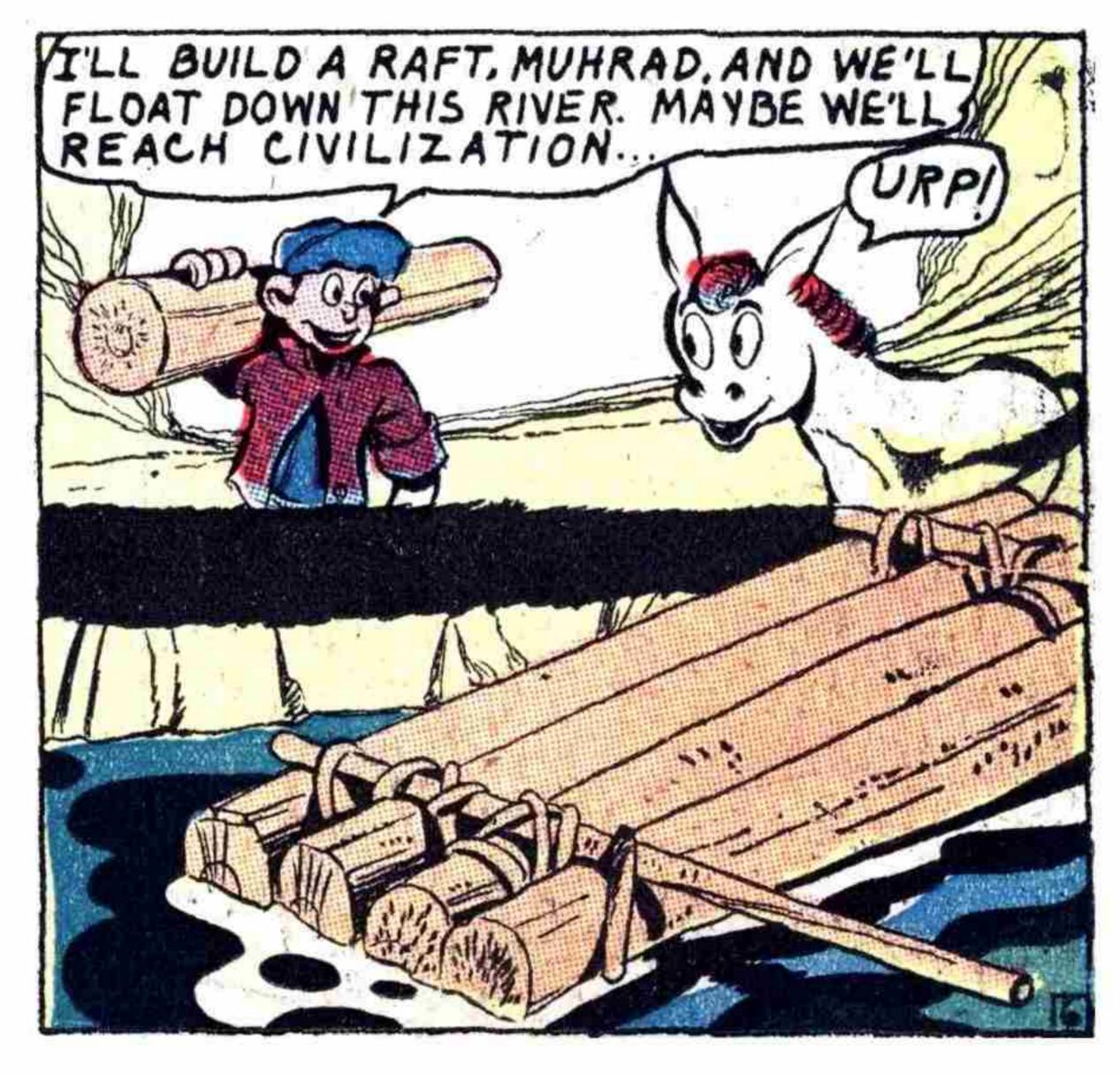


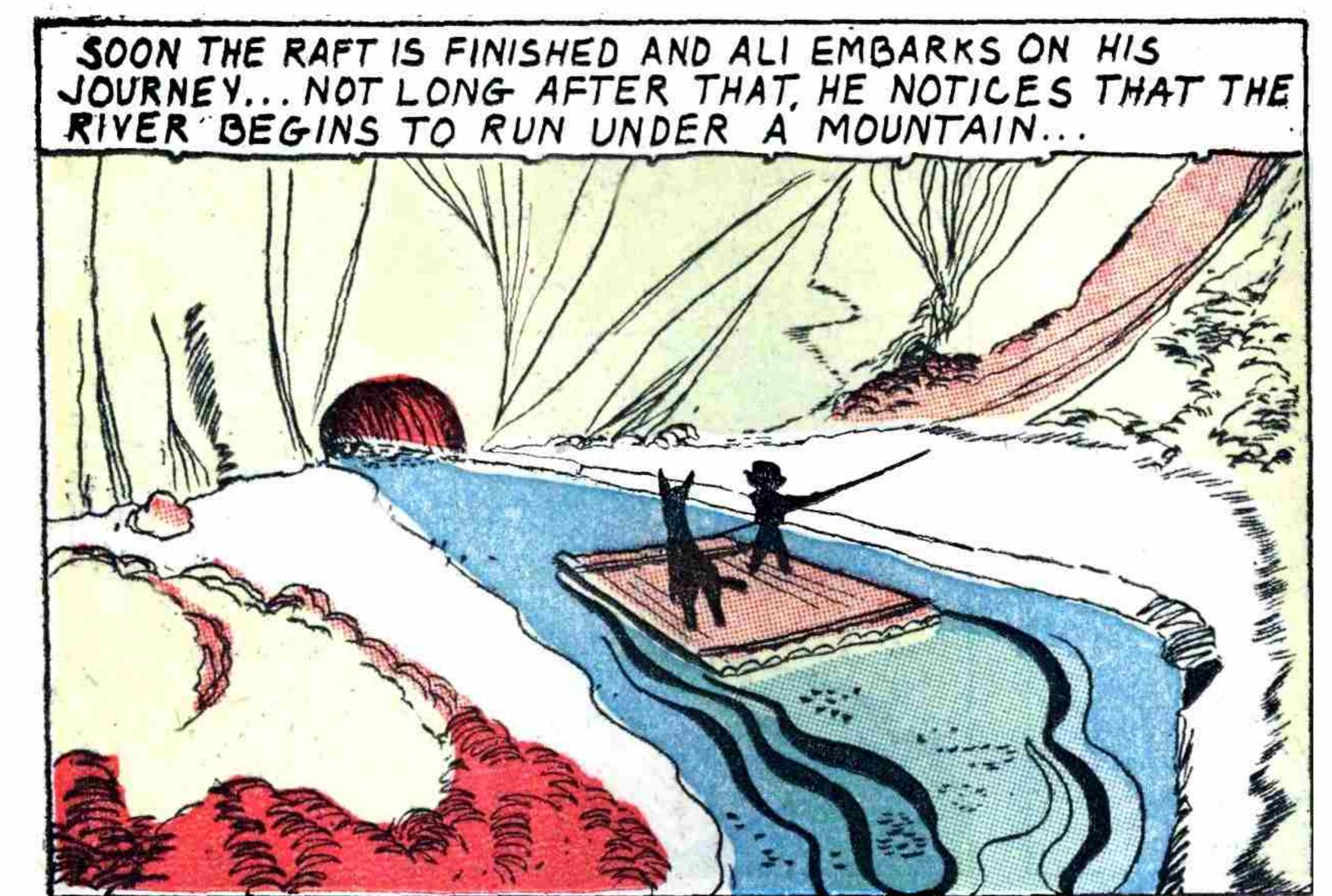




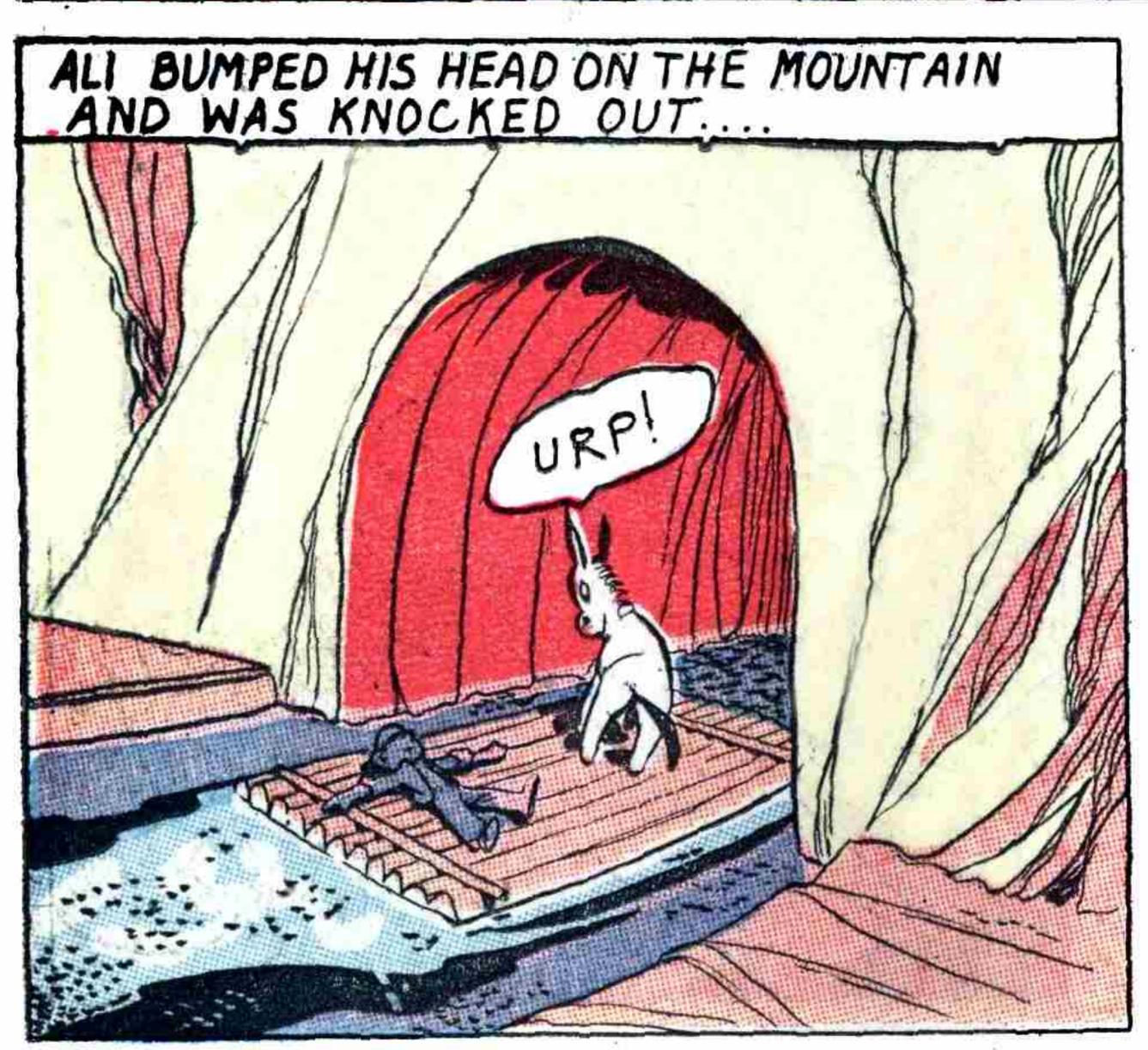


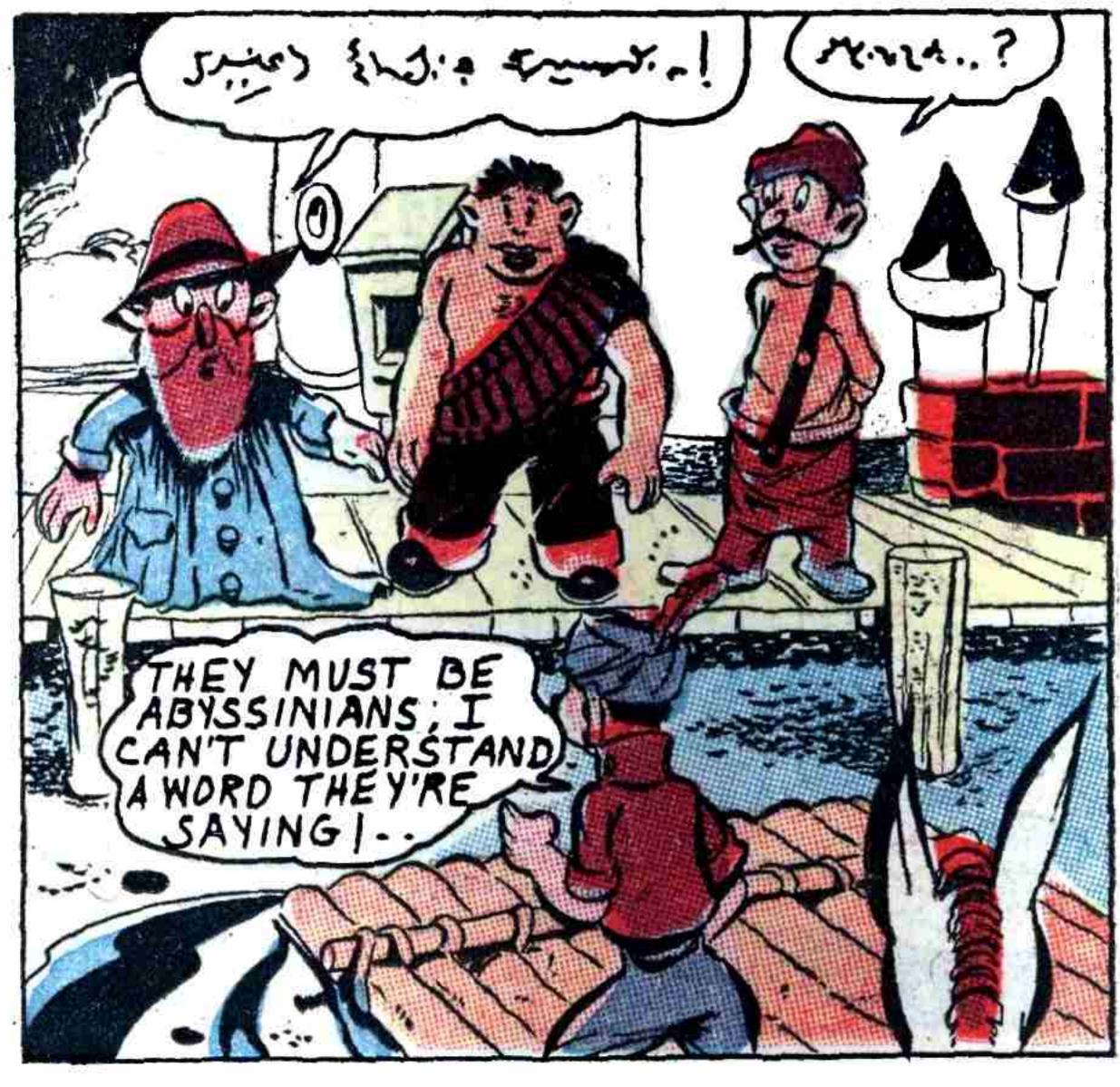






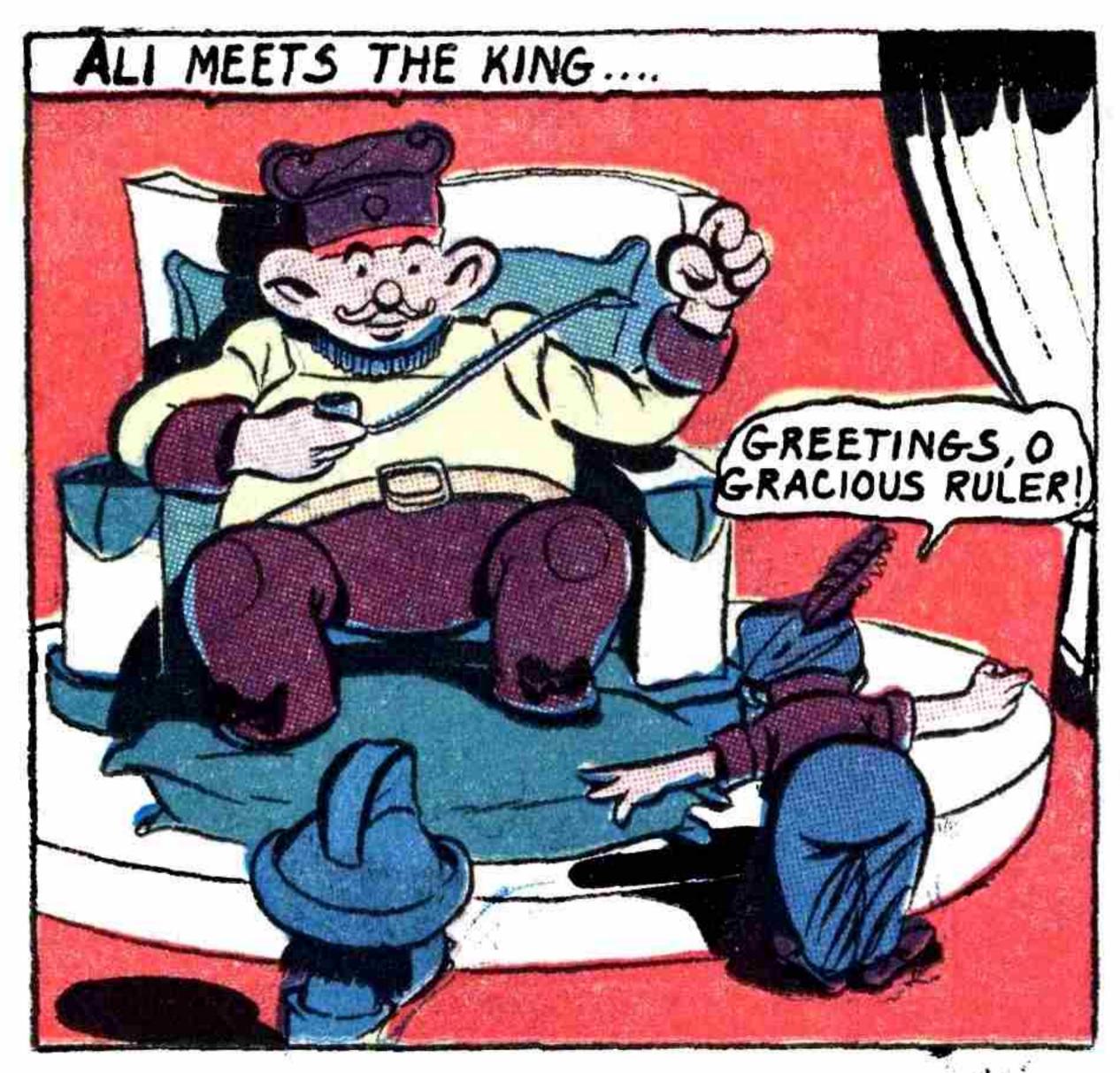


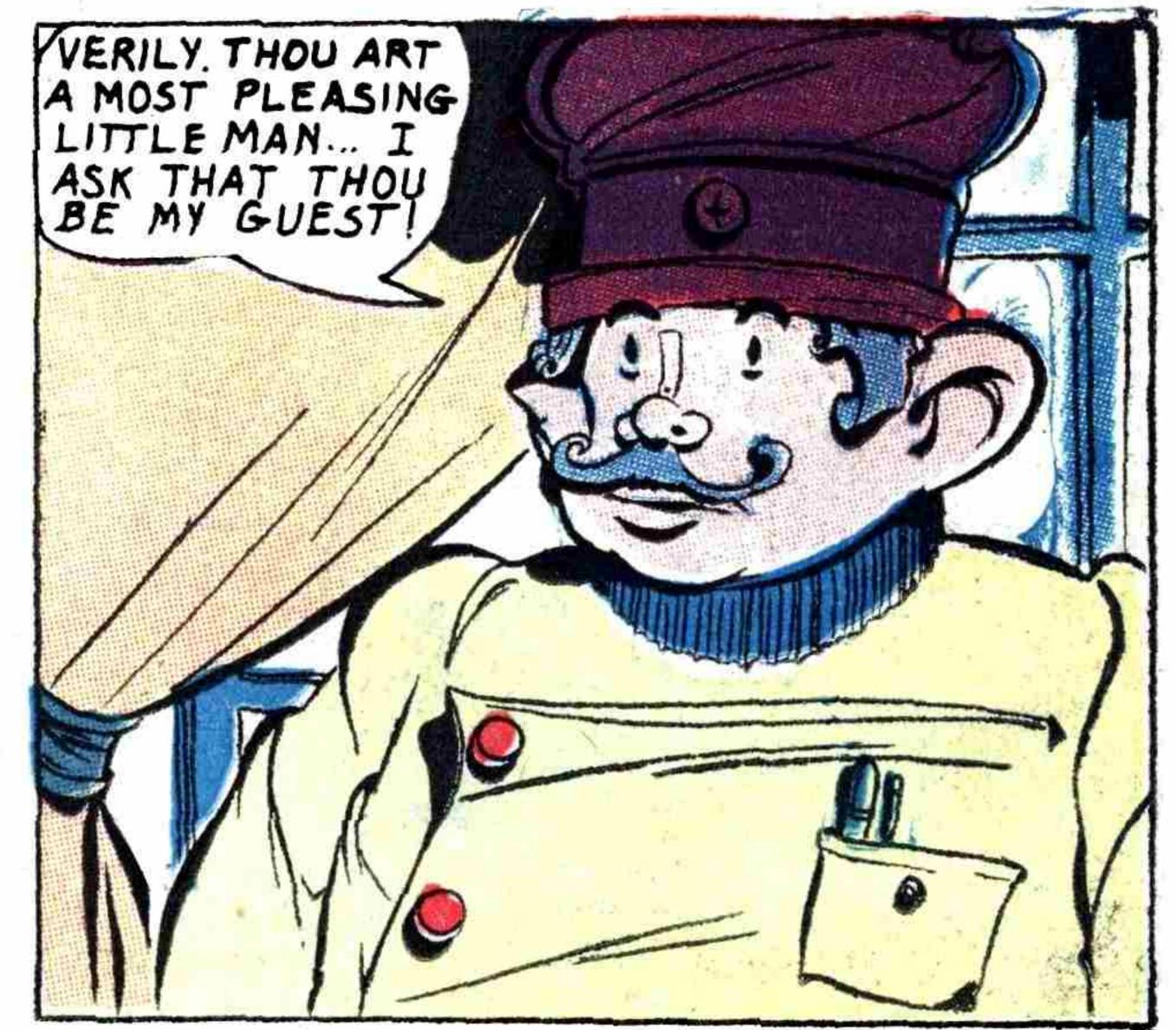


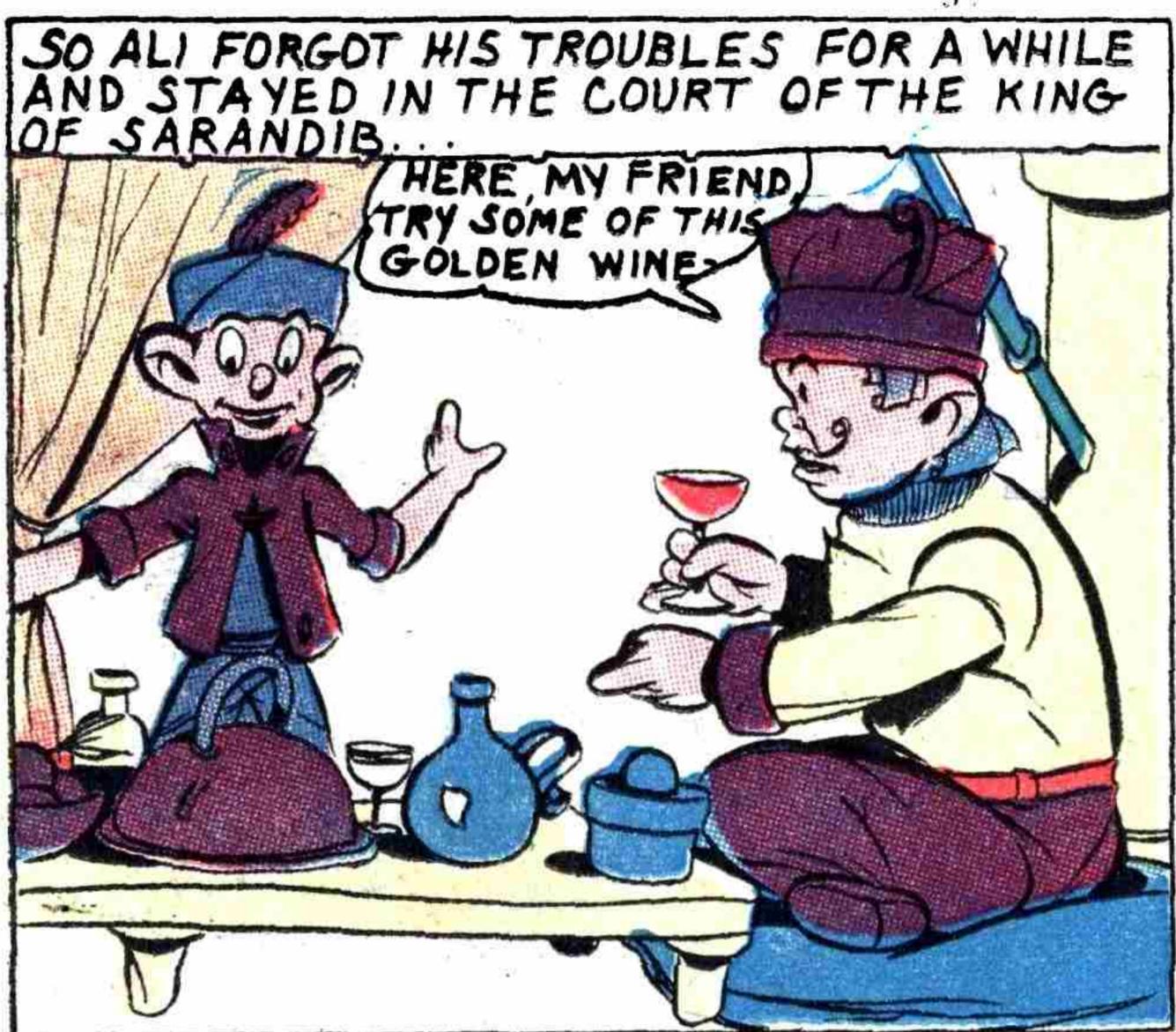




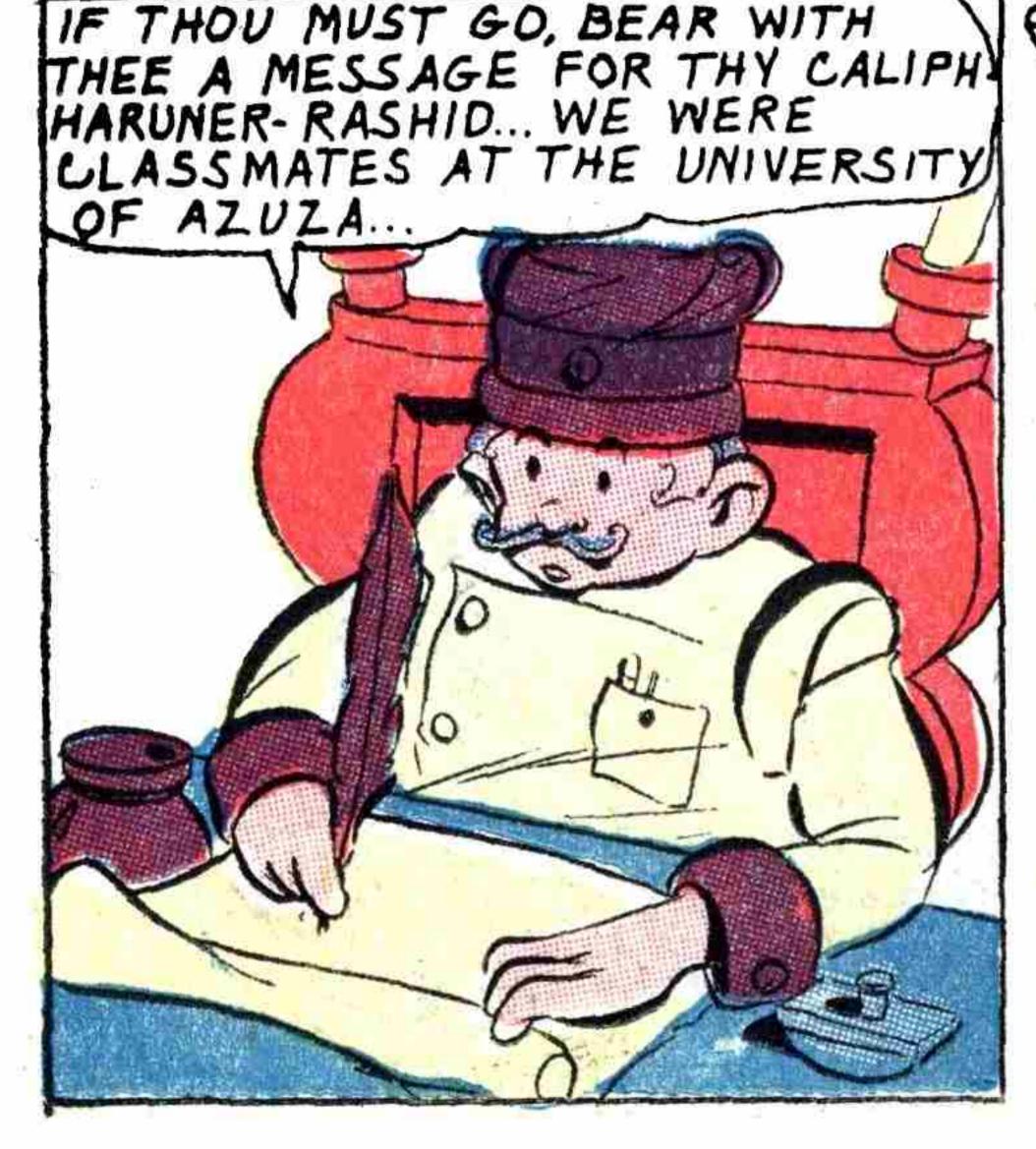


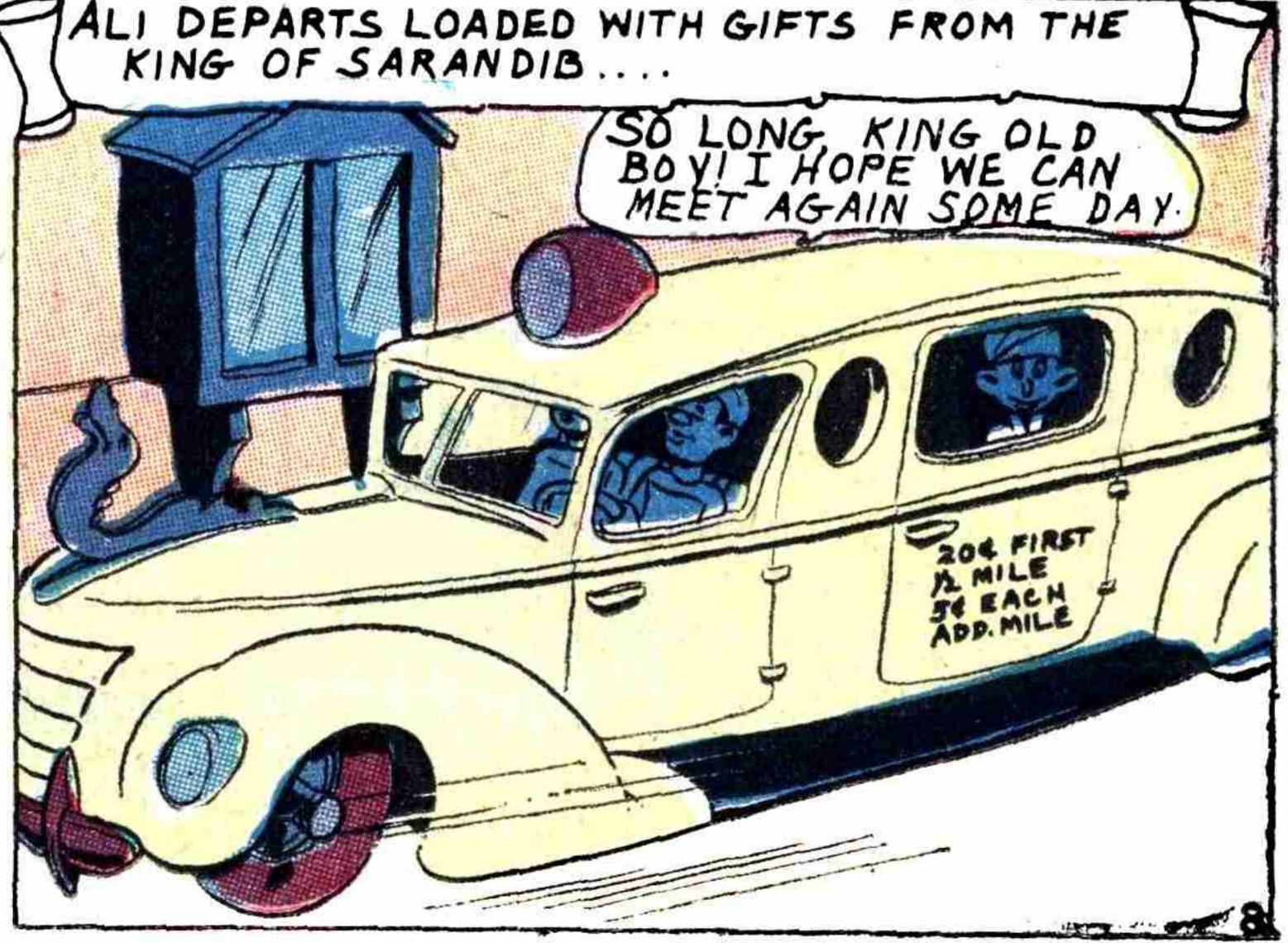


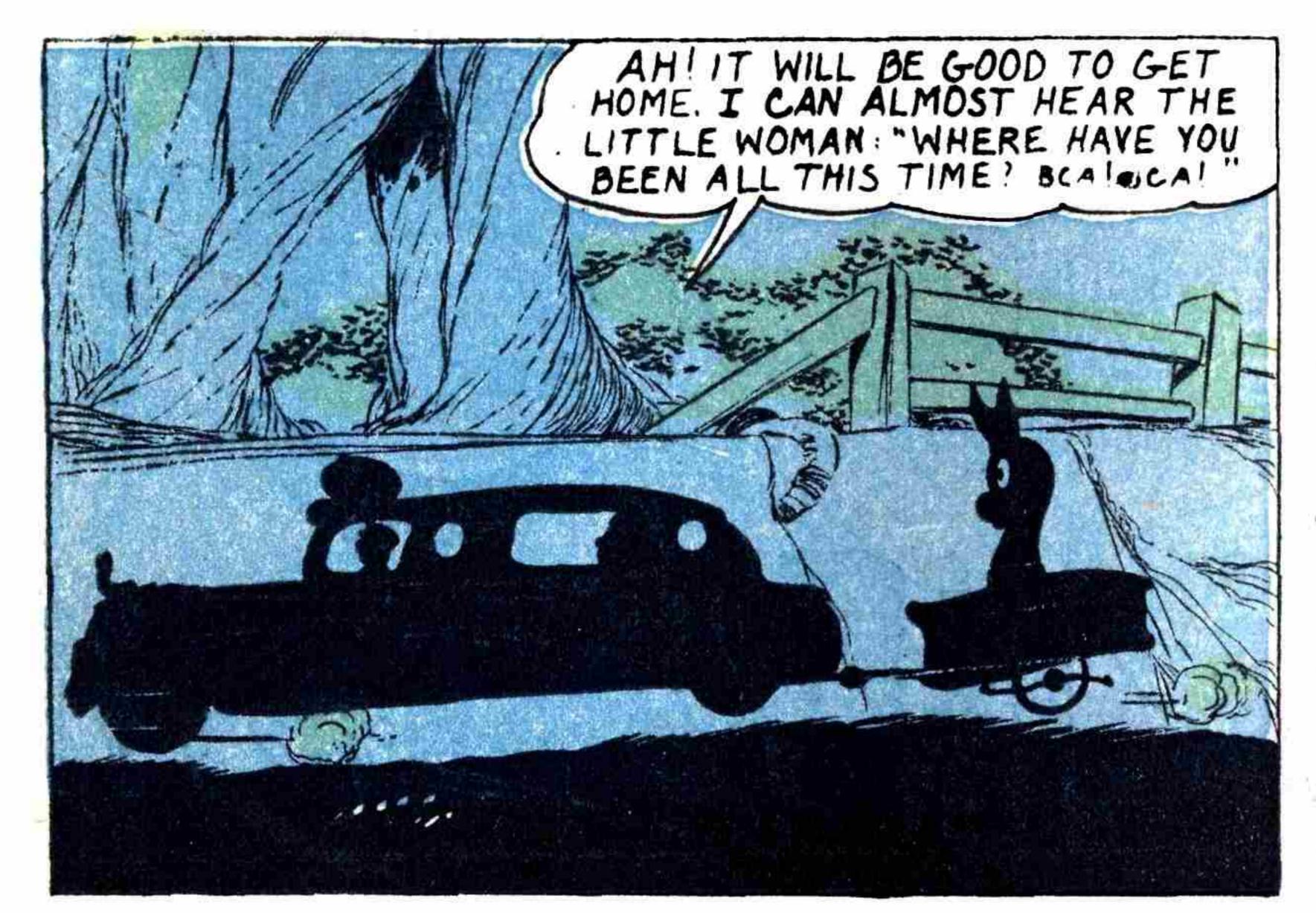


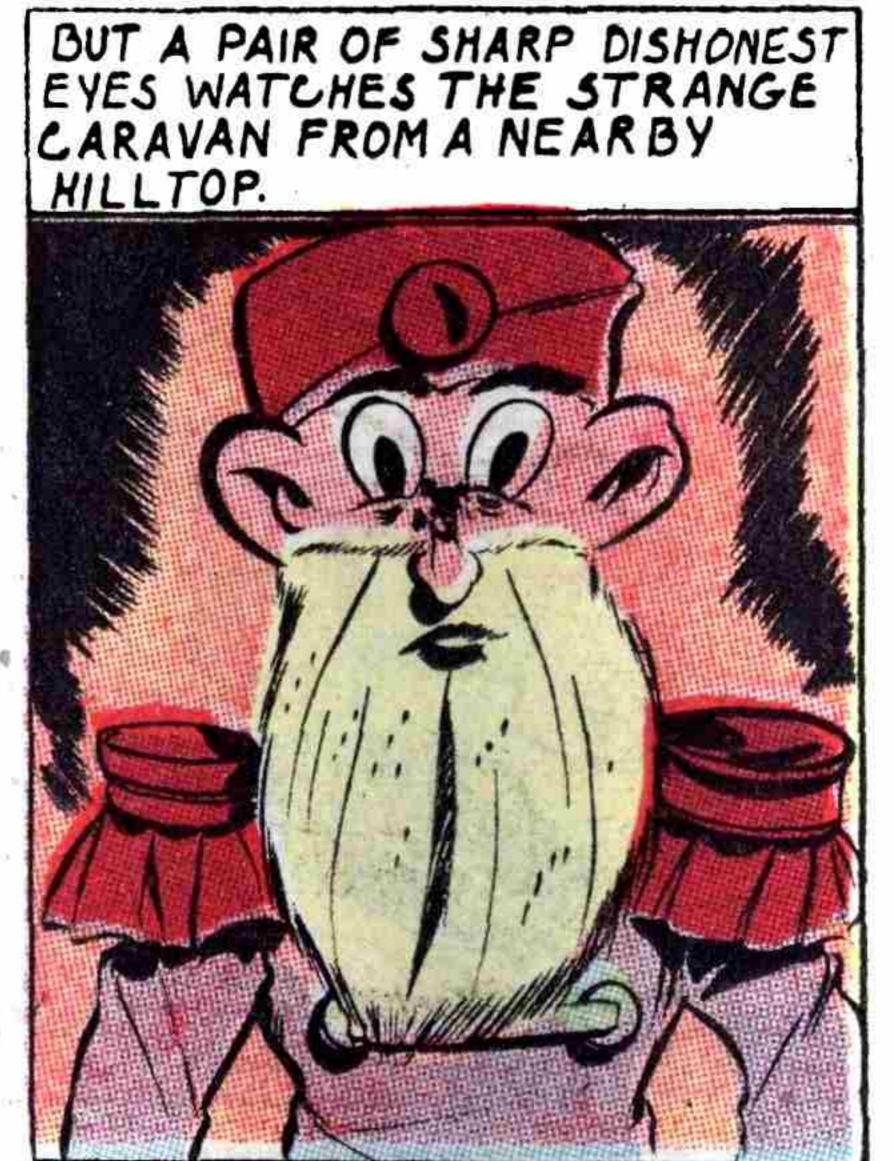




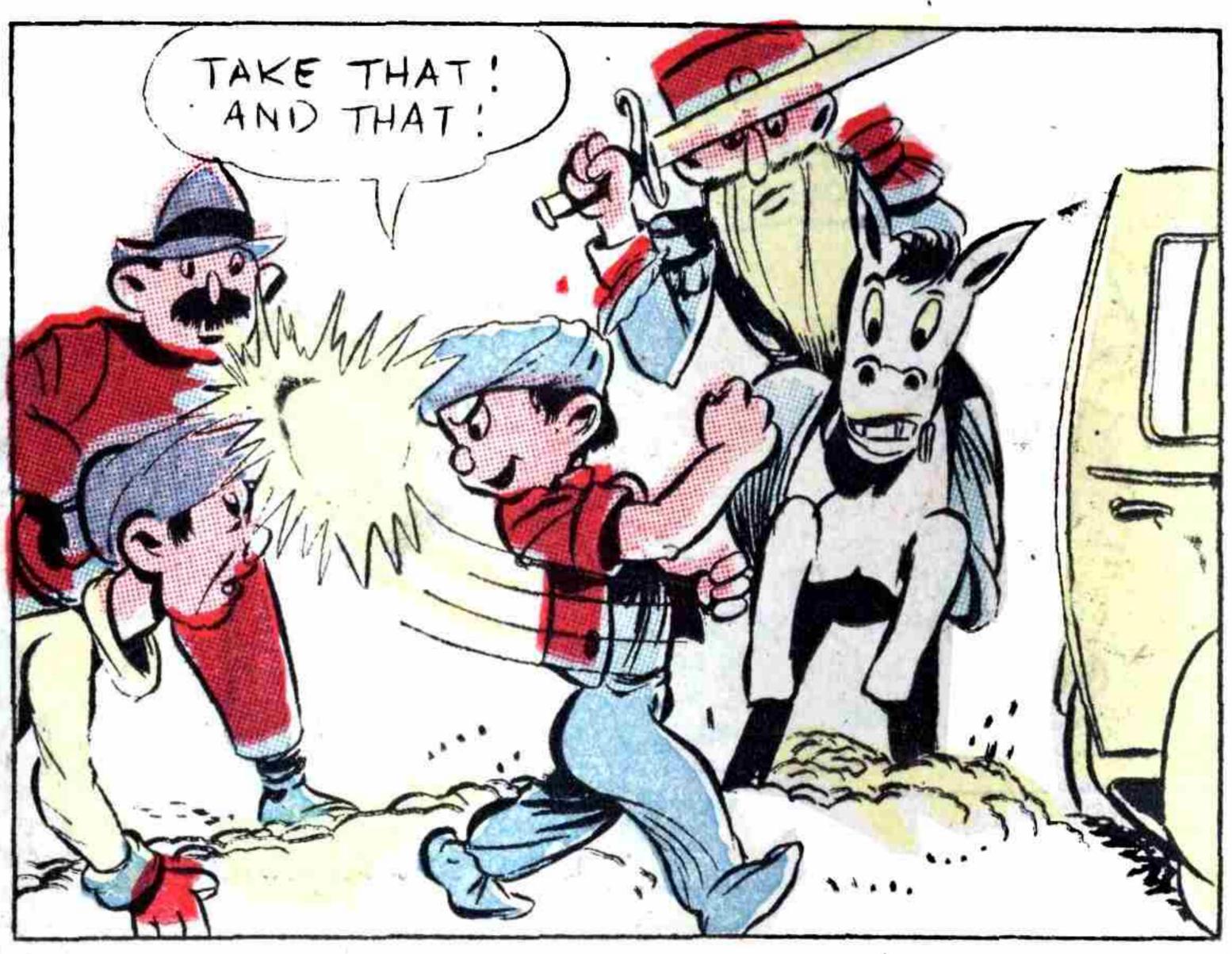




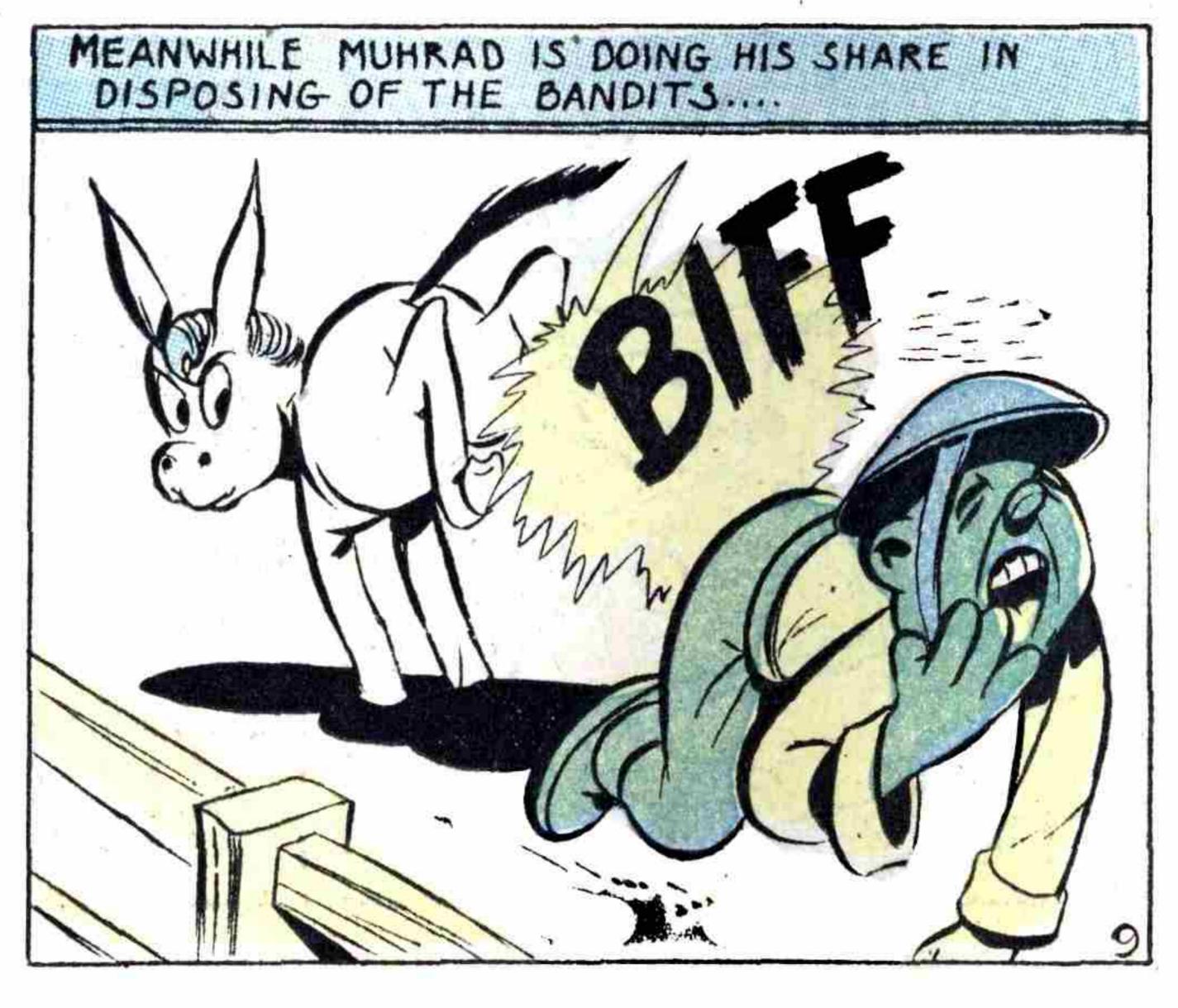


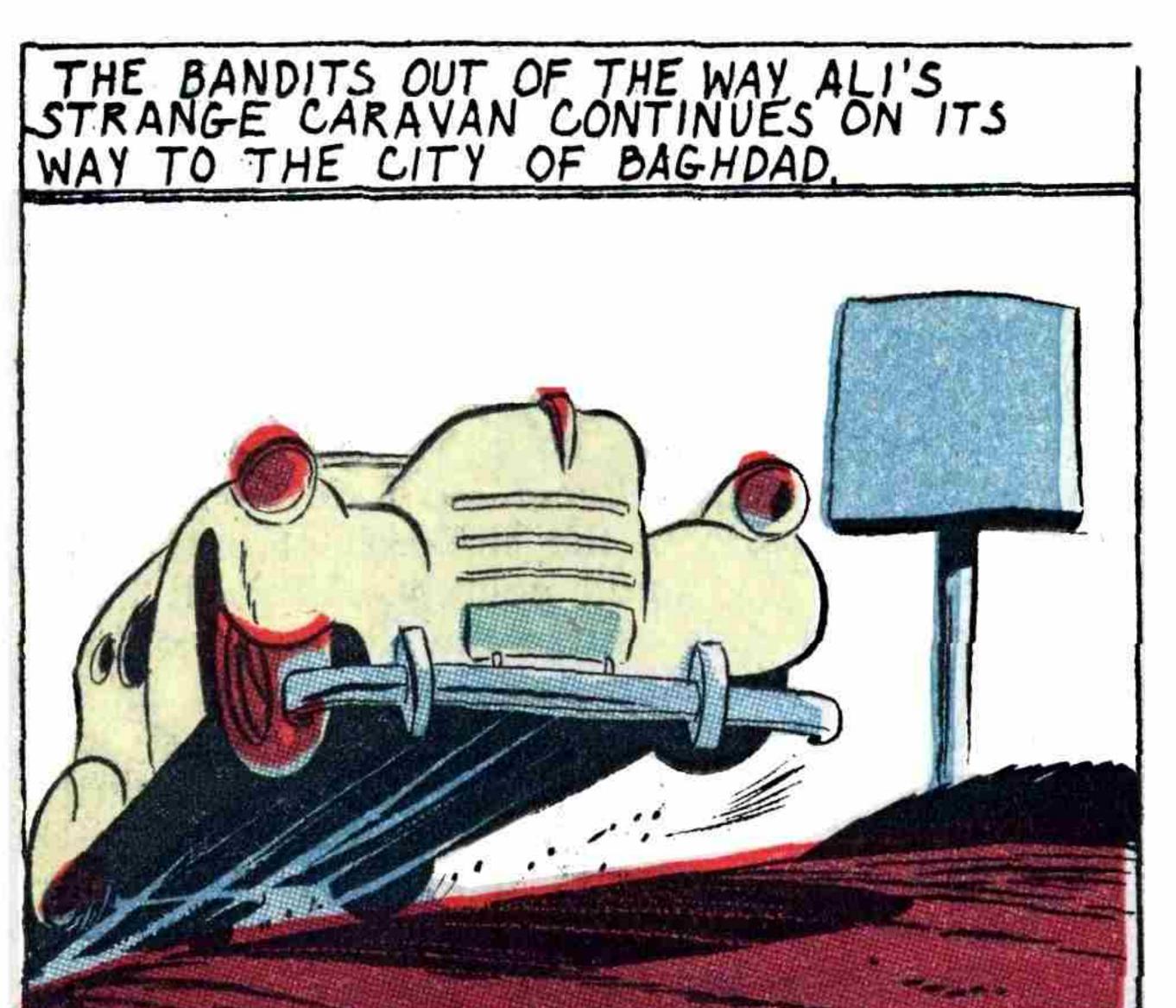






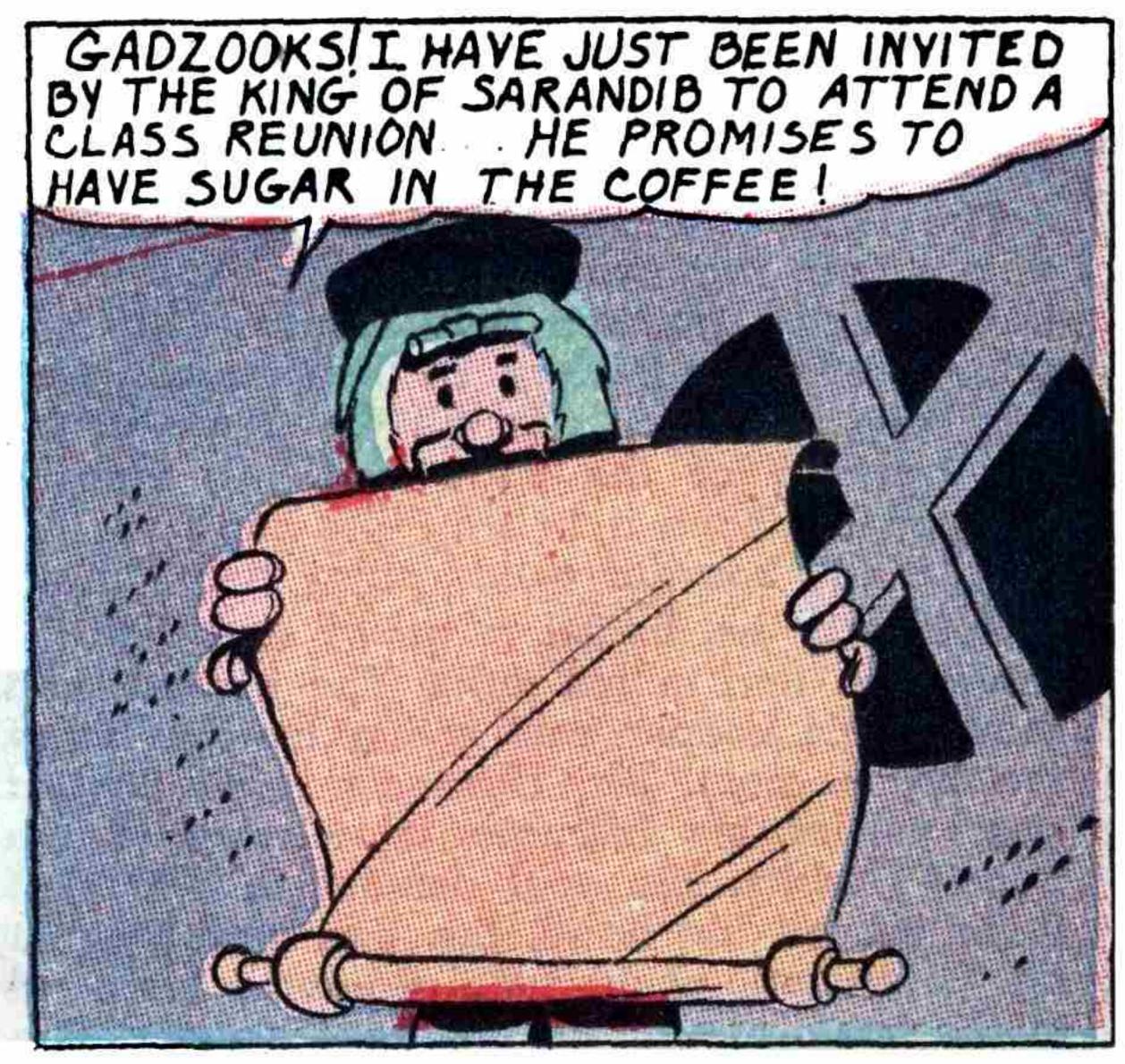


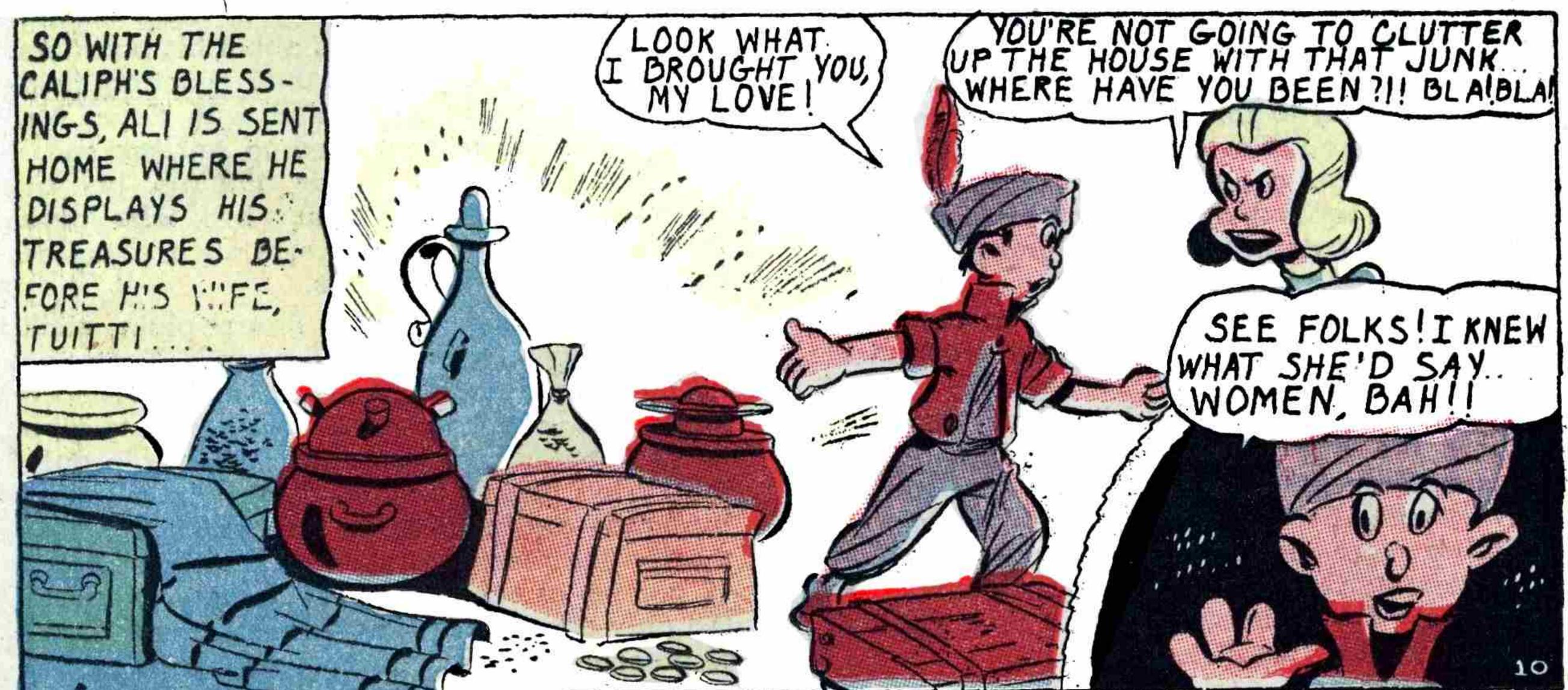












### Adventures With Live Lions in New York City

Adventures with live lions in New York City? This writer never imagined that he would encounter such thrills near the crowded tenements of the Bronx section of New-York. But most unexpectedly he came face to face with five roaring lions. For a moment he felt he was Blue Beetle himself in the jungles of Africa or India ready to do battle with wild beasts in order to save some innocent person from a cowardly bully.

Robert Hansen, keeper of five big lions at the Bronx Zoo in New York, had just finished telling this writer of a brush he had recently with one of them. We could hear them roaring on the plain beyond their cages. "No," said Mr. Hansen, "the big animal probably

did not mean any harm."

#### In the 'Lion's Mouth

Nevertheless, Mr. Hansen's wrist showed where a big chunk of his flesh had been clawed. Then, continuing with his story in response to my questions, he explained:

The lions had come in from the big field where they roam during the day. At 3 p. m. they usually get their only meal — 10 to 12 pounds of horse flesh — in their cages. One big bone did not get in all the way through the opening of the cage and Mr. Hansen stooped to shove it in with his hand so that his African boarder would enjoy a full meal.

Suddenly he heard a growl and felt the fang of a lion in his wrist. The big cat had thought his keeper was trying to take away the horse meat. Mr. Hansen's mind flashed over all of his intimate knowledge of the beasts' habits. His cool conclusion was that if he moved his hand, the lion would rip it off. So, in spite of the pain of having his hand in the lion's mouth, he just kept it there. The animal gradually withdrew his teeth and went all out for the horse's bone.

Just as he finished telling this story, the keeper turned to this reporter and asked:

"Would you like a special break? Would you like to get a closer view of my lions?"

"Sure." I replied, even though I could clearly see the big cats beyond their empty cages on the adjoining plain.

The following second, the keeper opened a door next to the last cage and exclaimed:

"Step right here!"

And the next second, I was on the plain where the five lions were roaming. There was nothing between the beasts and me but my breath. Behind me was the keeper with nothing more than a bamboo pole.

I was startled because I never expected to duplicate the Bible story I read as a child of

Daniel in the Lion's Den.

"Let us take a walk among the lions," suggested the keeper in an unexciting tone, "and you will get better acquainted with their nabits."

#### Shaky Courage

My rather snaky courage advised me hurriedly that I might become too well acquainted with the inside of the stomach of one of the lions and I declined politely. After all I had to admit, I didn't have the dashing boldness of Blue Beetle. And besides, if one of the big cats took a notion that I would make a good dessert, who would help to keep the world informed of the exploits of Blue Beetle while he was so busy ridding the world of cunning bullies?

So, while not exactly cutting a brave or graceful figure. I stepped back briskly behind the open door and slammed it shut with vigor—as soon as Mr. Hansen smilingly followed me back to perfect safety.

The truth was, that the lions did not seem especially interested in me when I ventured onto their field. They acted as would a herd of cows when one sets foot on their pasture. Except that cattle do not utter such deep and impressive roars.

"Why wasn't I as courageous as Mr. Hansen?" I reproached myself as I thought of the apparently indifferent action of the big cats and of the safety of the strong door that had now shut between them and me.

#### Most Dangerous Game Animal

Then I recalled what famous hunters have always agreed upon—that the lion is the most dangerous game animal the hunter can face; that when his tricky temper is aroused, he becomes a fighting demon. So I finally decided that it would be wiser to keep asking Mr. Hansen more questions about his boarders than to go out again on their roaming field to get personally acquainted with them. Mr. Hansen patiently continued to tell me mointeresting things about his animals; just as he would entertain his young son, who loves to read exciting adventures in such so-called comic books as Blue Beetle.

The five lions on the Bronx plain each weigh between 400 and 450 pounds. They are all males and each one is between 5½ and 6 years old. Long before the War began to give some popularity to horse meat, they are only that. Why? Simply because it is cheap—6 cents a pound—and price is an item when it is considered that each animal eats between 10 and 12 pounds at each meal. Fortunately, they are fed only once a day. The lions also got ahead of present patriots, who observe one meatless

day a week. The big cats do not eat anything on Monday. Most likely if they had their choice, they would not skip a meal. But those who know them best, have figured out that they ought to fast once a week.

#### Feast and Famine

This fasting comes close to their habits in the wild state. When they are wild, they can not depend upon a regular dinner bell. When they are lucky and have plenty of game, they gorge themselves. Sometimes a big animal will ect as much as 200 pounds of meat at one sitting in Africa. Then his luck may turn; game becomes temporarily scarce, and he starves for a time. Through countless generations, the lion has become used to Nature's feasts and famines. Of course, an old wild lion, who has lost many teeth or has lost its vigor as the result of rheu:natism or the ills of old age, may starve for long periods at a time because it is not quick and strong enough to hunt its usual game. Sometimes such animals become man-killers simply because it is easier to eat a man than to bite through the tough hide of cattle and other animals. But that is another story in itself.

Though lions are so fierce when hunting or when angered, nevertheless they have their weaknesses as do people. Now and then at the Zoo they become run down. Why? Partly because though they have a large plain on which to roam and are not shut up in cages day after day, nevertheless they do not live in their normal wild state, where they act in accordance with Nature's laws.

Sometimes one of the reasons they become run down is that a stronger animal grabs so much food away from a weaker lion, that the latter becomes under-nourished. Then, not infrequently, the animals suffer from indigestion. Sometimes they go about curing themselves as dogs do by eating grass. Lions lick their own hides and get hold of several long hairs from their manes and swallow them. This helps a sluggish digestion.

#### Lions' Good Points

Usually though, the table manners of the Bronz lions are not very bad. They will squabble over the first hunk of horse meat thrown to them but not too much, for they know from experience that more will be coming right away and that each animal will have his just share. So as soon as a lion gets his meat he runs away and his pals do not bother him.

Once in a while a lion becomes too excited during feeding time for its own good. Superintendent Hollister of the National Zoological Park, tells of a female lion who died from choking. She was a hasty eater and bolted her food. Once a large piece of meat lodged in her throat and she died before help could be given her.

What do Mr. Hansen and his partner, Bill Dalton, do when their lions become run down? They give them milk and cod liver oil. How they love that! But no mention was made of spinach. Even if the wild beasts roam on a plain within sight of large tenement houses and even if they have learned to crave cod liver oil, they refuse to be further civilized with spinach.

After their big meal they are inclined to be rather drowsy and want to be at peace with the world. As a matter of fact, this most savage of animals often is far more decent than many human beings. A lion when he is not hungry will not kill for the fun of it as many human hunters do. A lion when not hungry will not fight and will not bother other living things, even though he is King of Beasts.

Does the lion, whom men for centuries have termed the King of Beasts really regard himself as such? Yes, in the opinion of Mr. Hansen. The big cat really feels and acts his part. But at the same time he knows that his keeper is boss.

The moat that separates the lions' plain from human spectators and other animals, is 22 feet wide and 20 feet deep. This guarantees that spectators will not be attacked by a lion breaking loose. At the same time it allows the big cats to roam around outdoors in fair weather as they do in their natural state. They are not shut up in cages as in other zoos. This great advance was introduced at the Bronx Park three years ago. As stated before, five full-grown male lions enjoy this open field.

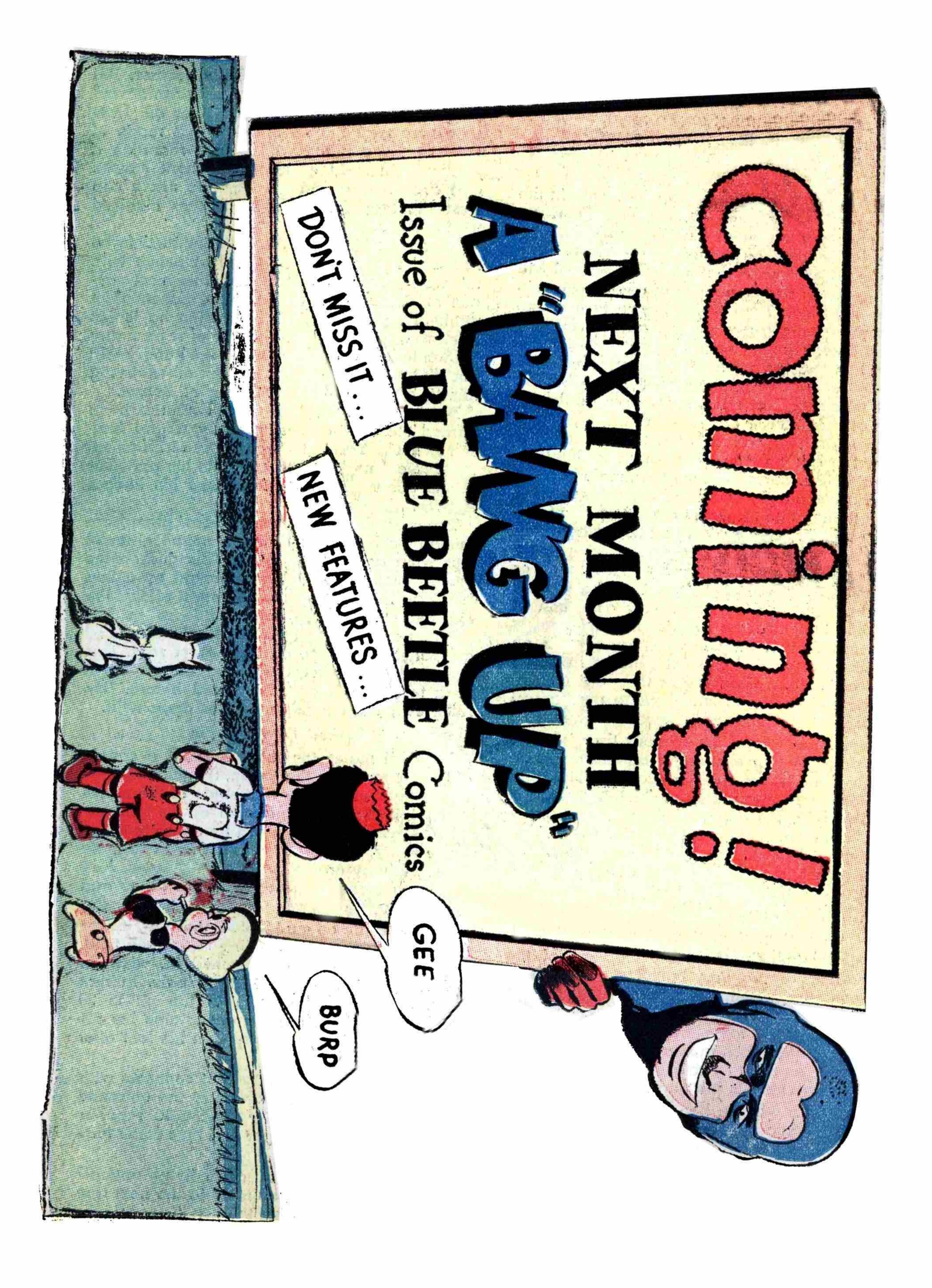
#### Pushed Into the Pit

Why all males together? Well, if a couple of females were in the group, the jealous lions would fight so fiercely that some of the males would kill each other and also kill the females. But at the old-fashioned lion house quite a distance away, there is one female and two male lions. But they are in big separate cages. And adjoining them in other cages are tigers and leopards.

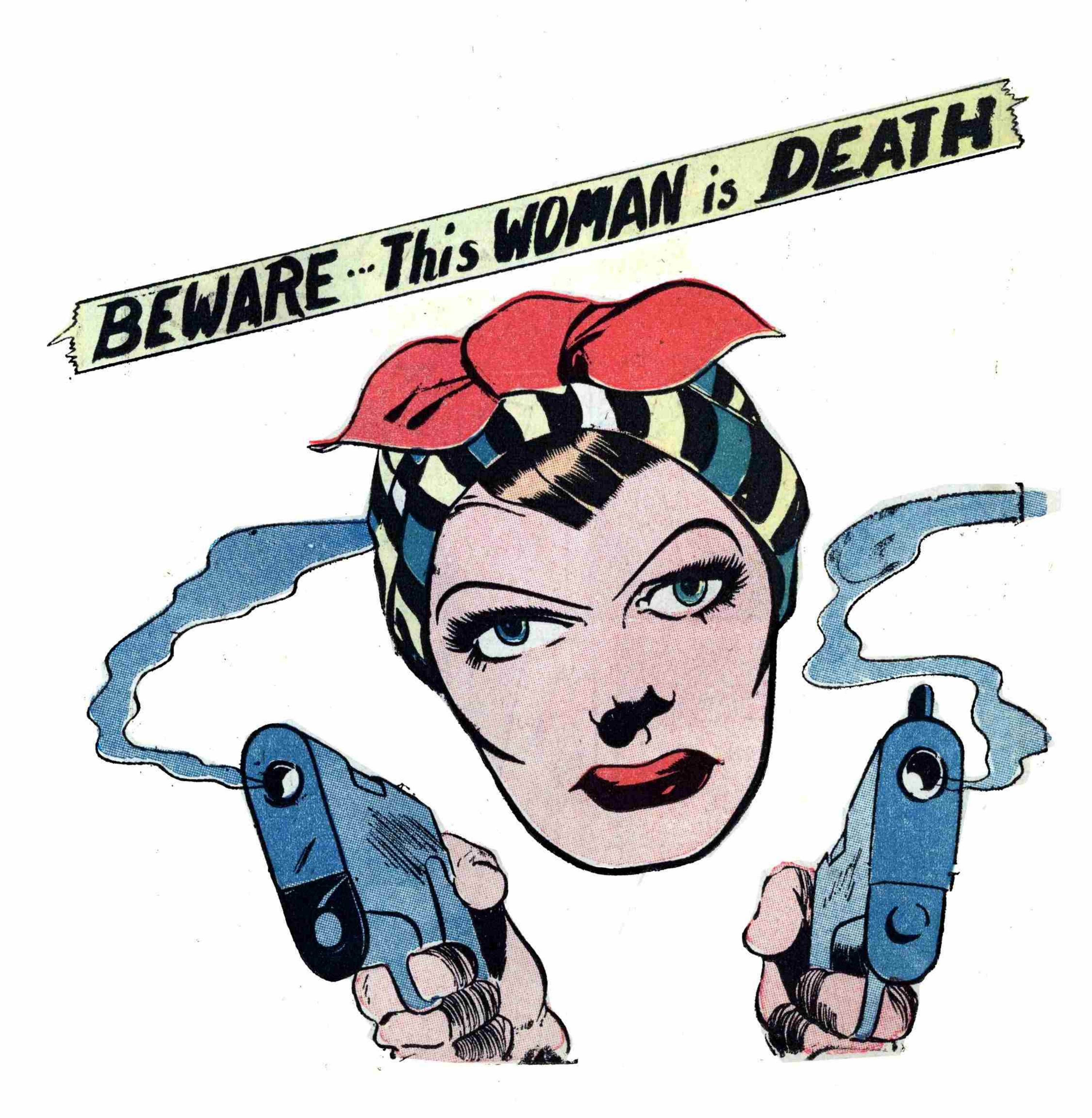
The lions are so sure-footed, that they never fall into the moat surrounding their open field. But sometimes they are pushed in, when in the course of a fight with their pals. In that case, although the bottom of the pit is 30 feet from the top, the big cat retains his primeval trait. He always lands on his feet after such a fall.

This moat has a runway that connects with the cages of the lions. It was at the entrance to this runway that this non-heroic reporter was led by the lion keeper and thus came face to face with the beasts.

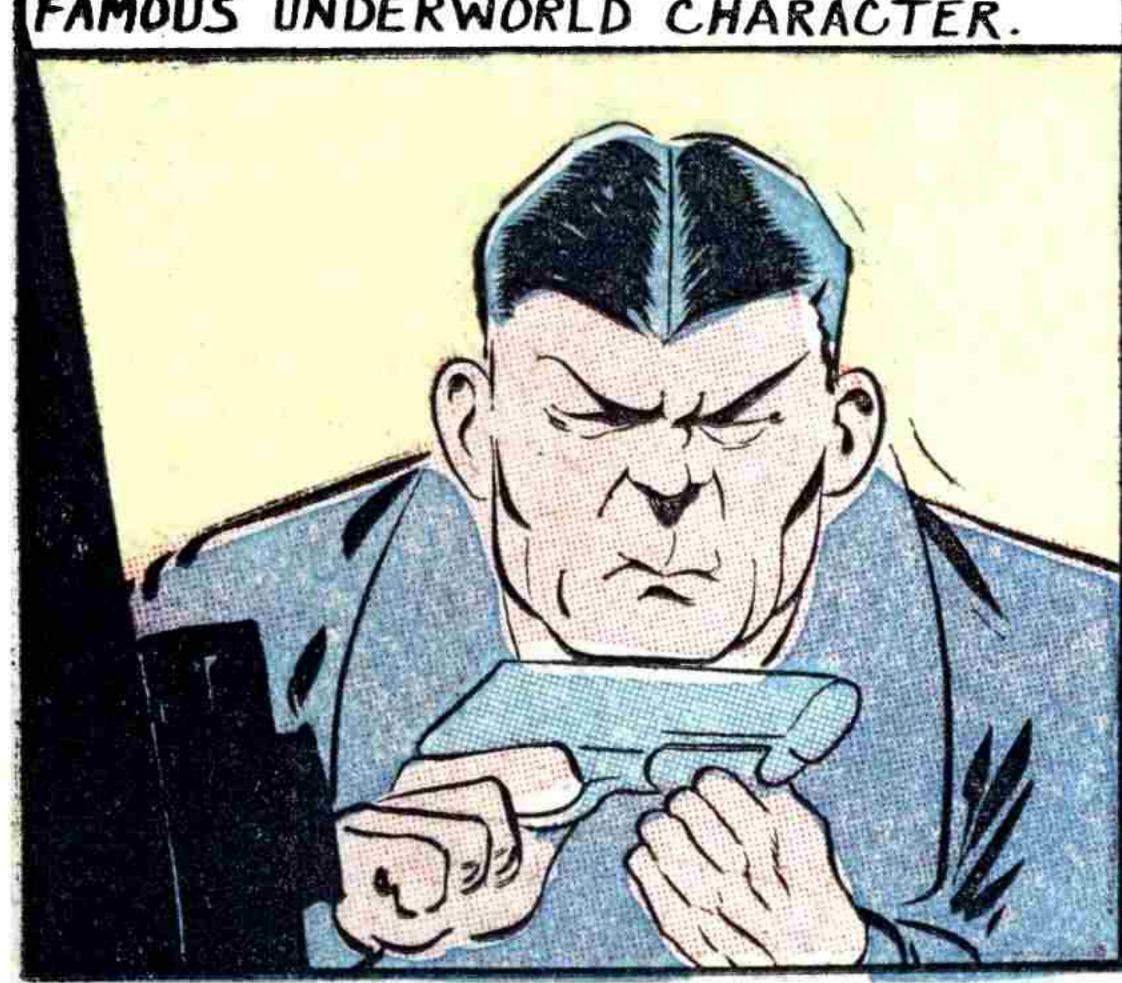
Is a lion afraid of any other living animal? Can it lick any living animal? In the next true story you will read what the lion-keeper thinks of these questions.

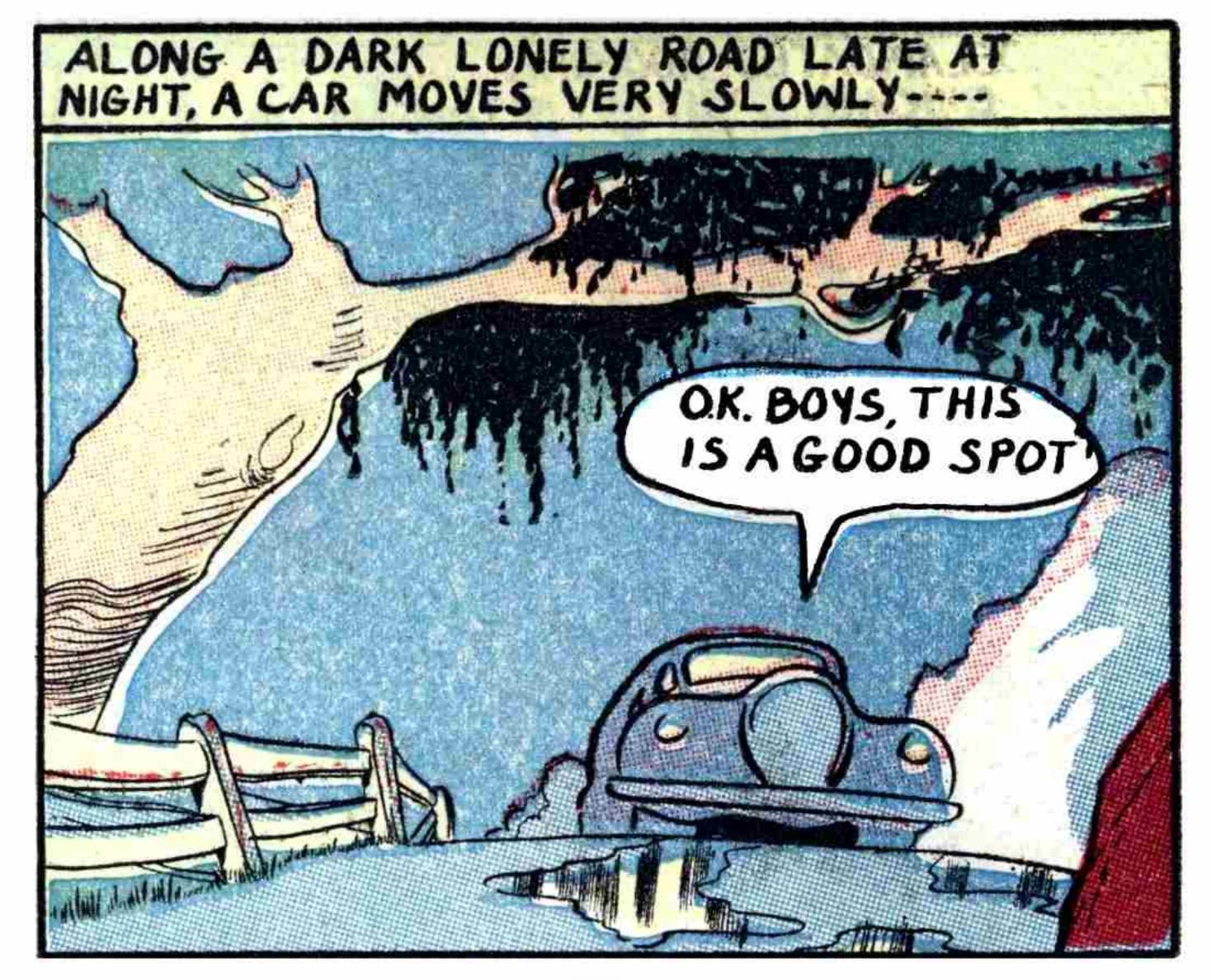


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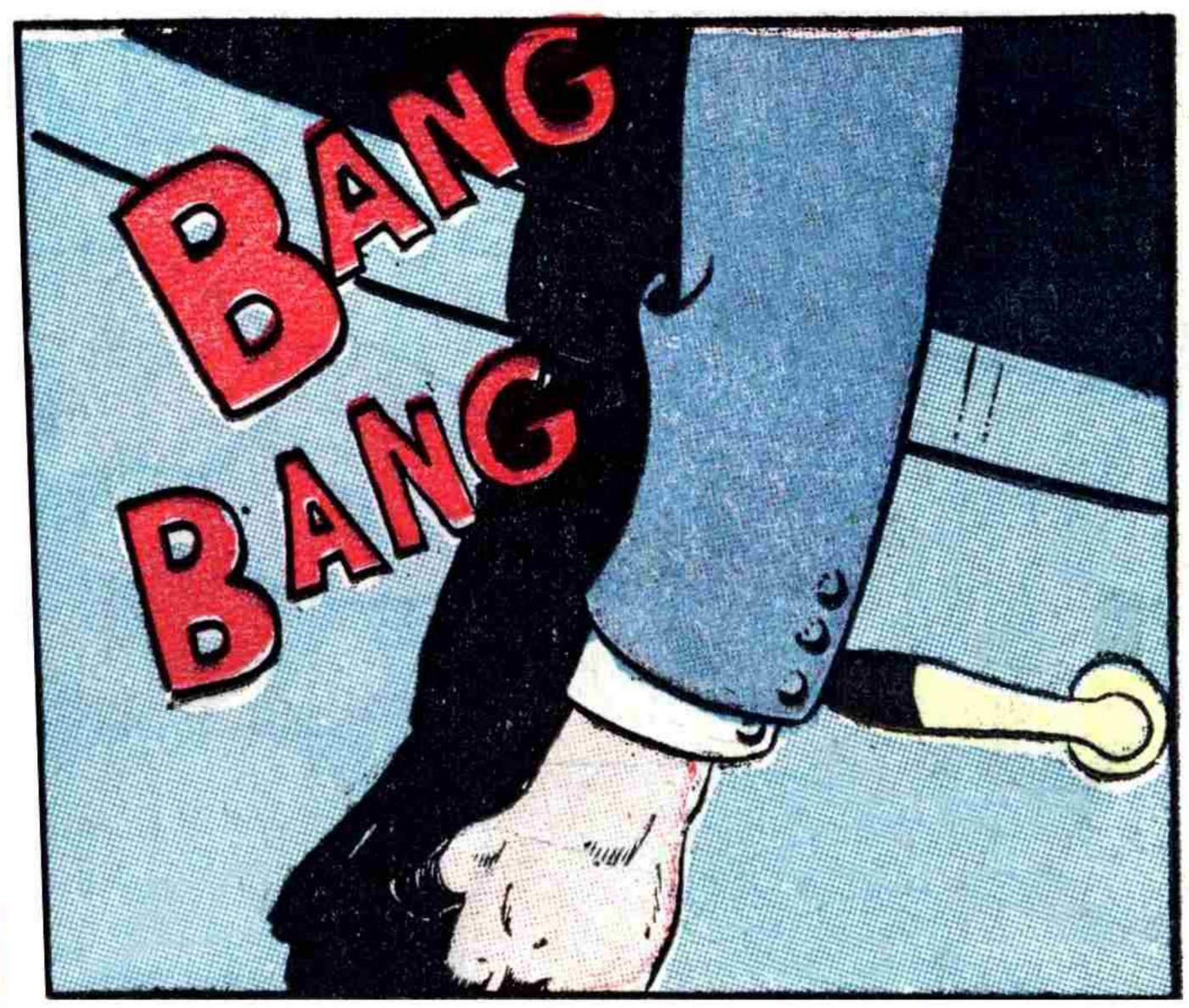


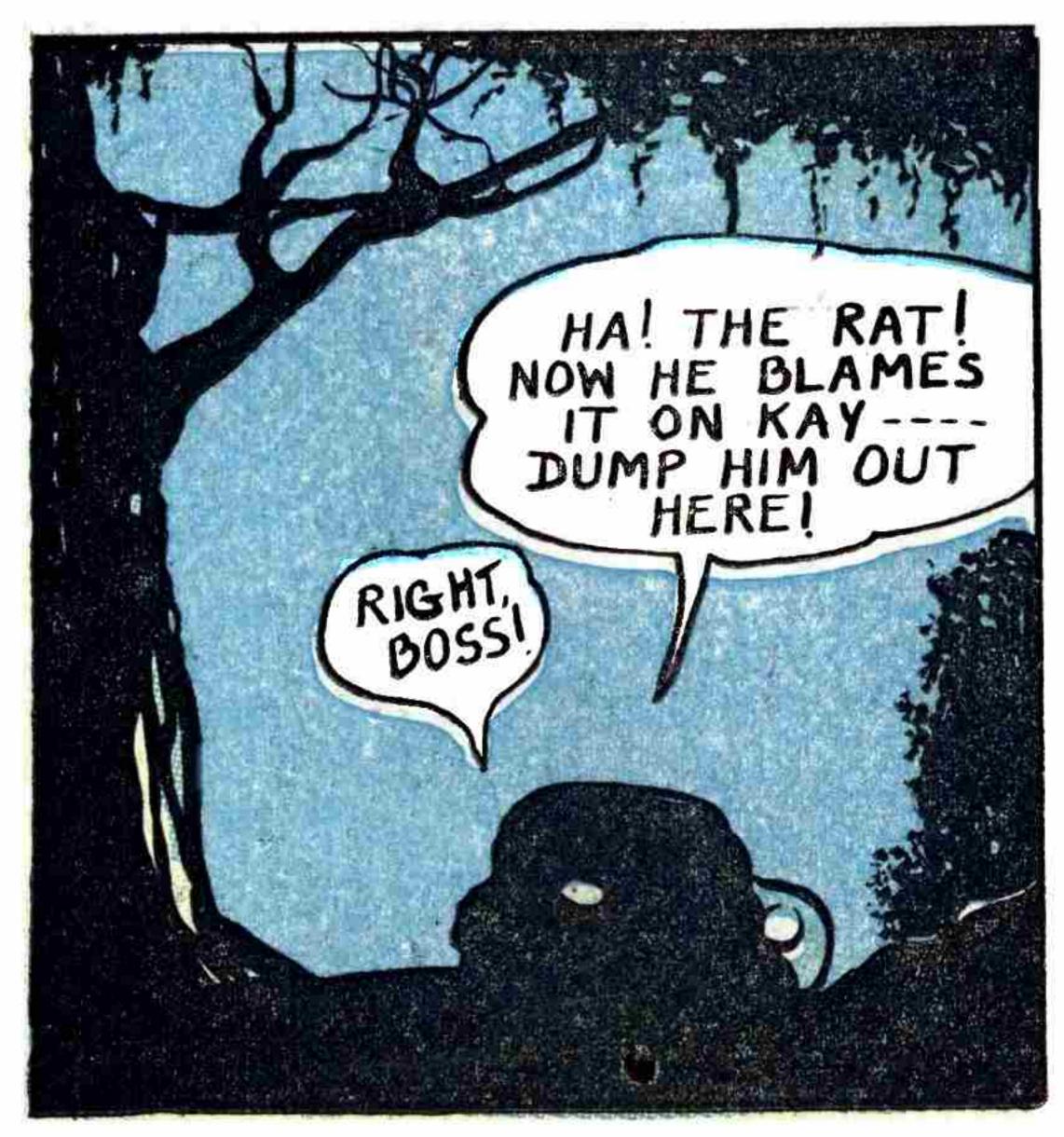
THIS IS THE STORY OF BIG MIKE DOLAN.
FOLLOW IT CLOSELY AND WATCH HOW A
WOMAN CAUSED THE DEATH OF THIS
FAMOUS UNDERWORLD CHARACTER.

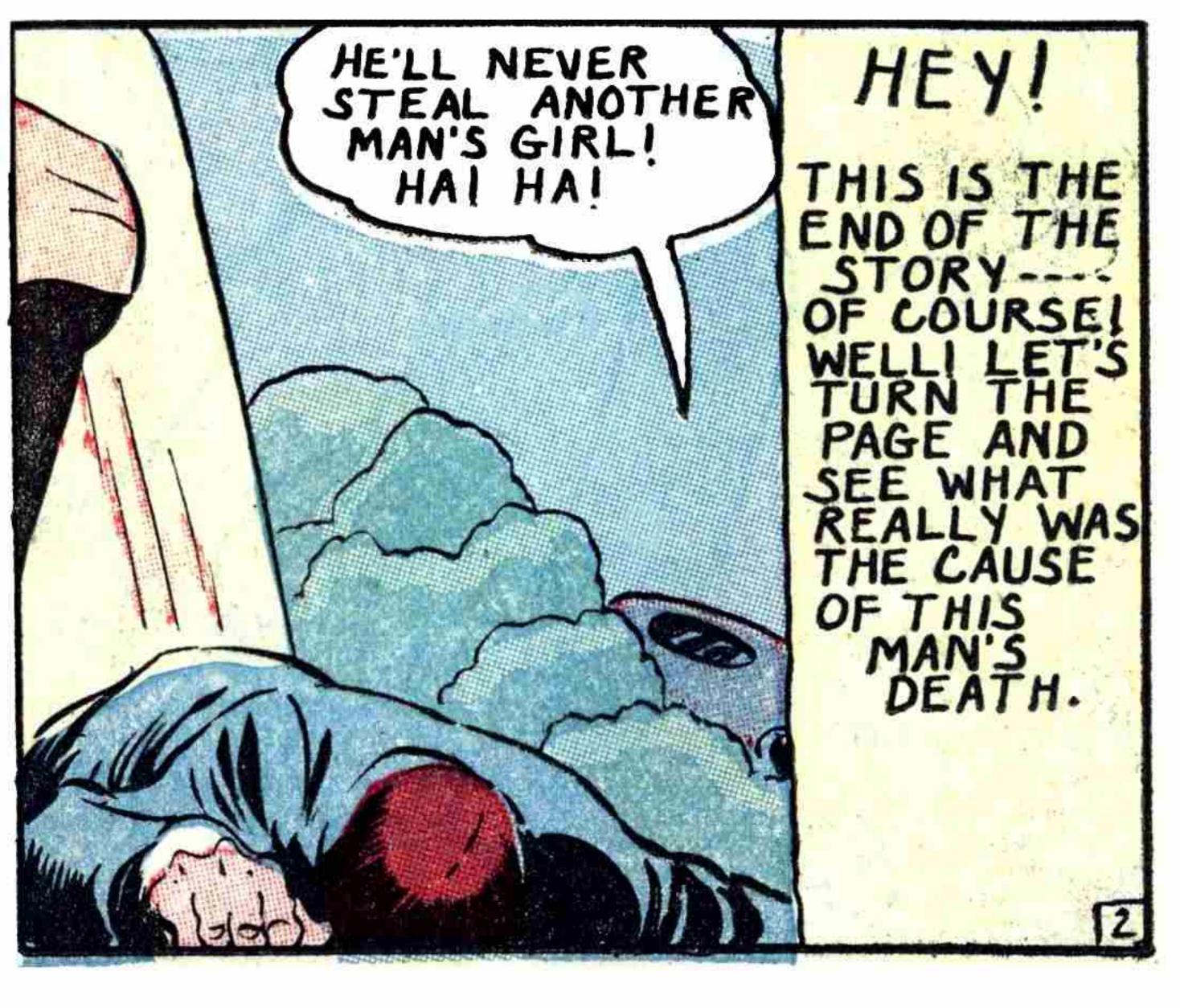






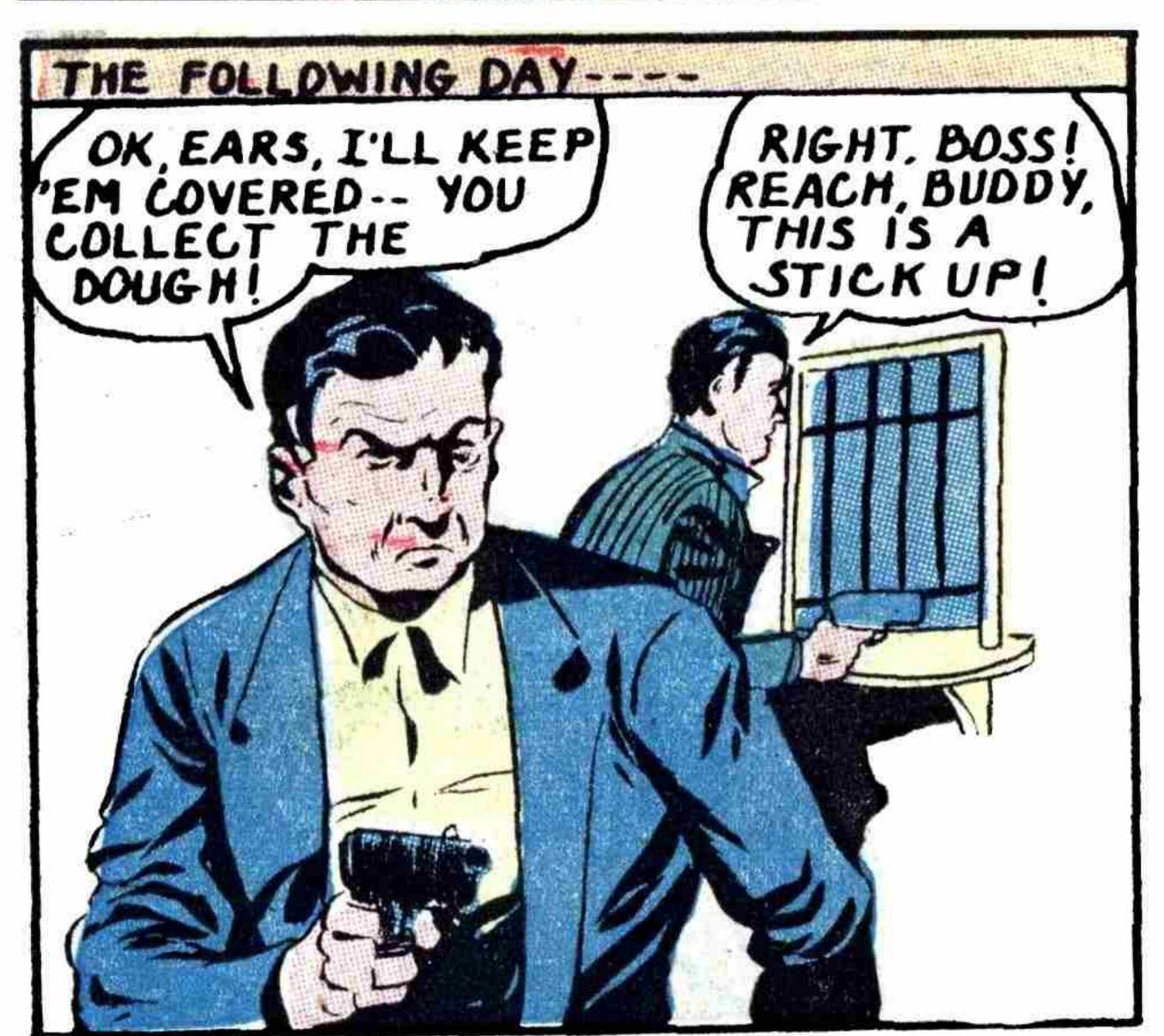




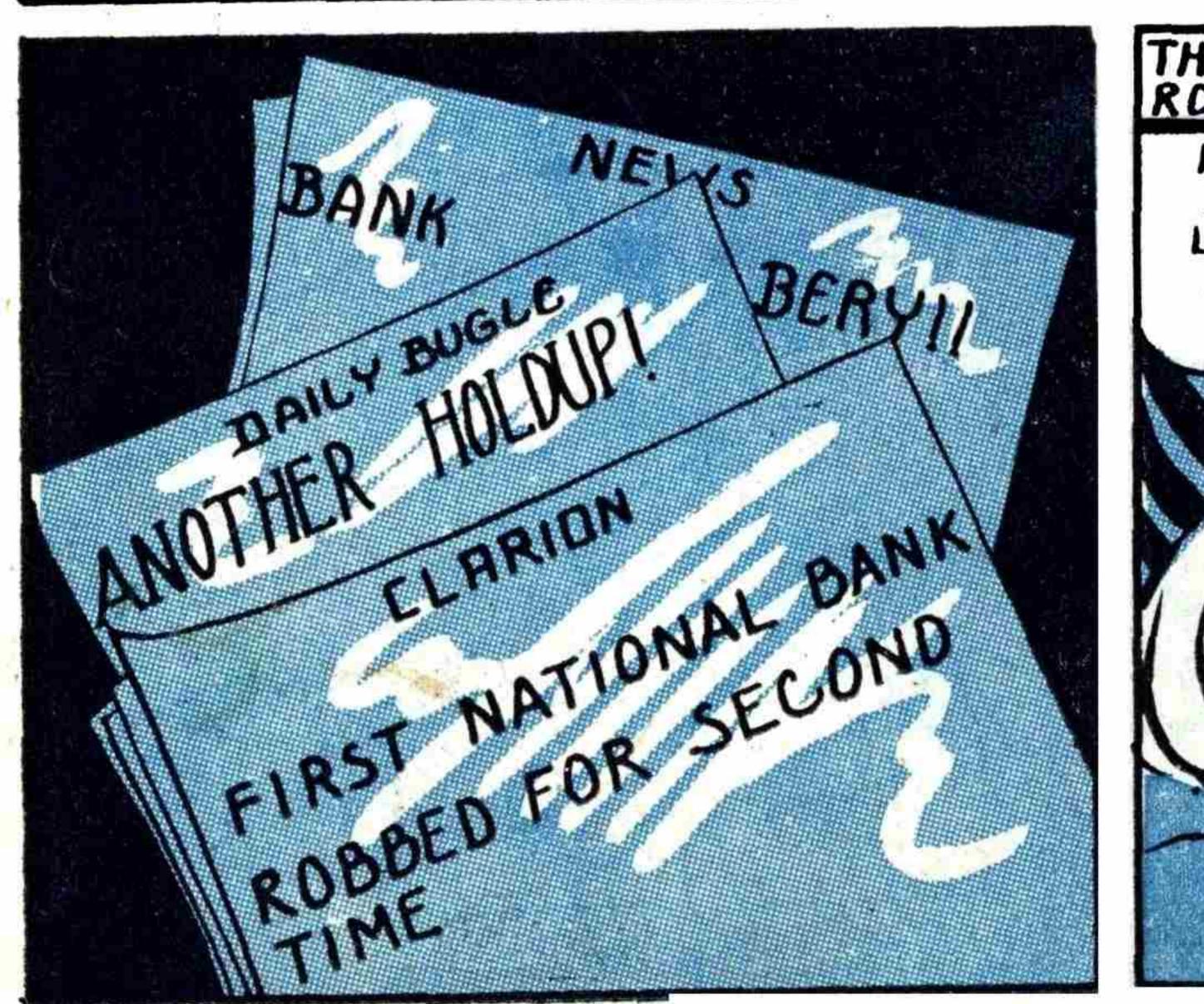








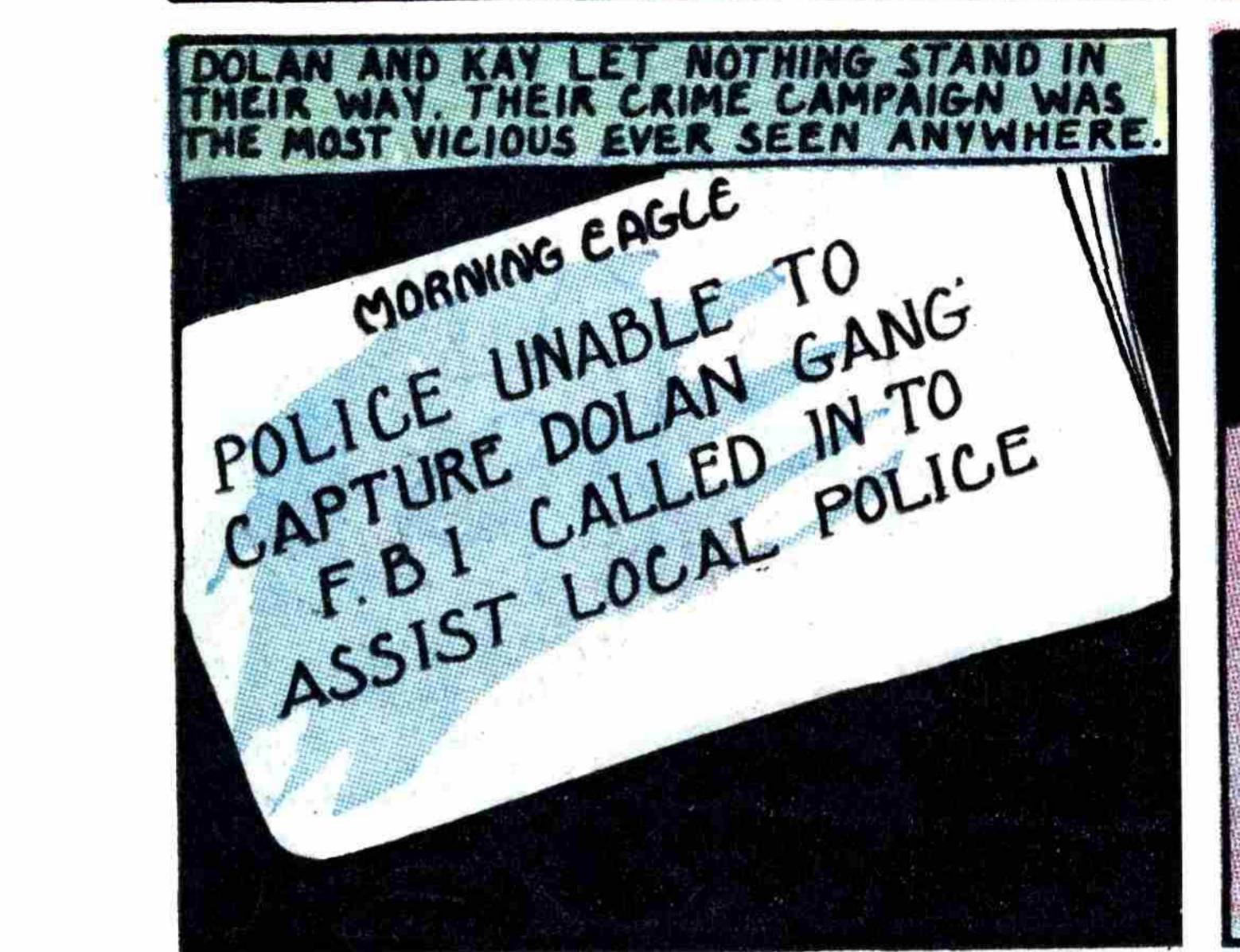




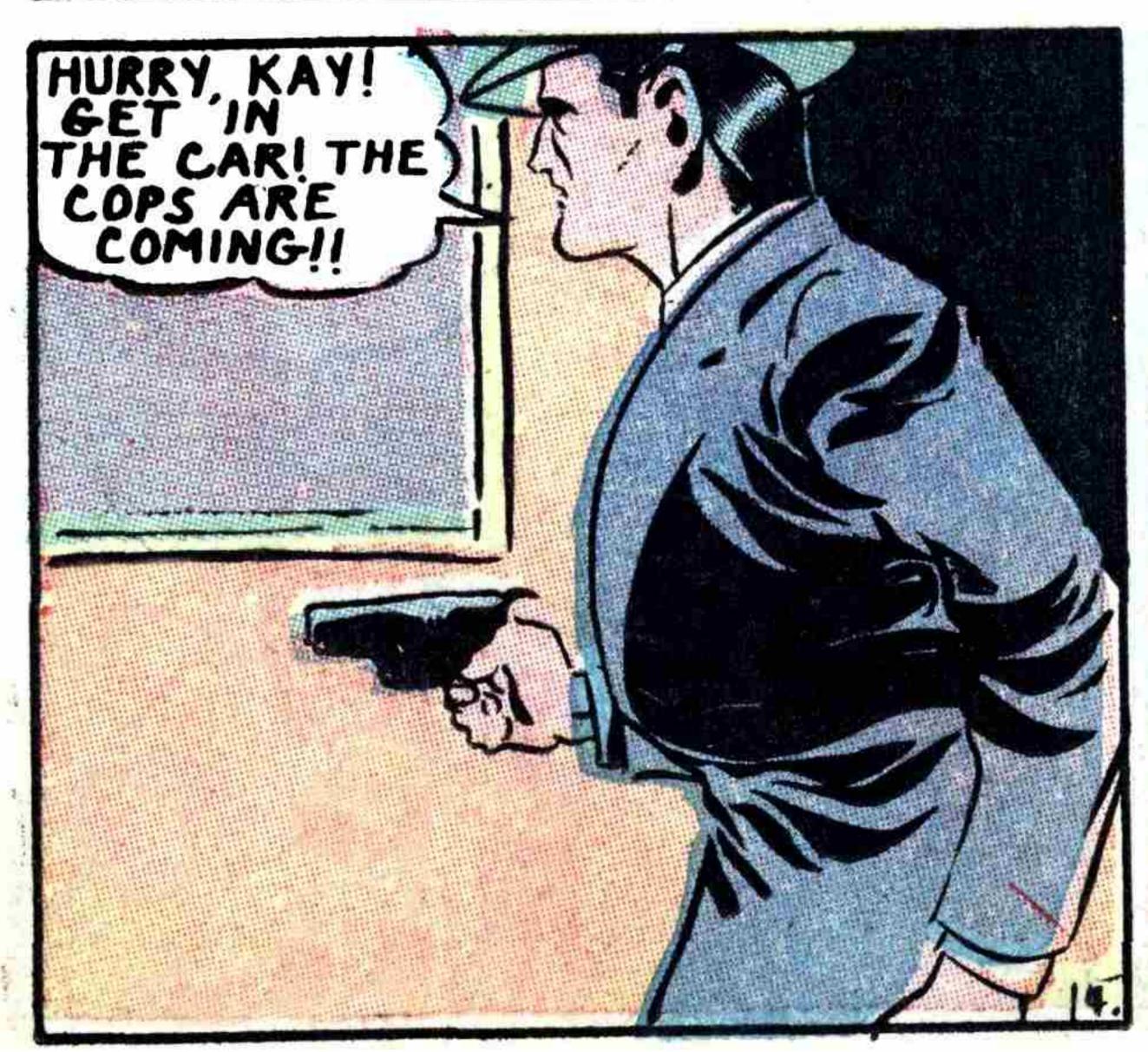


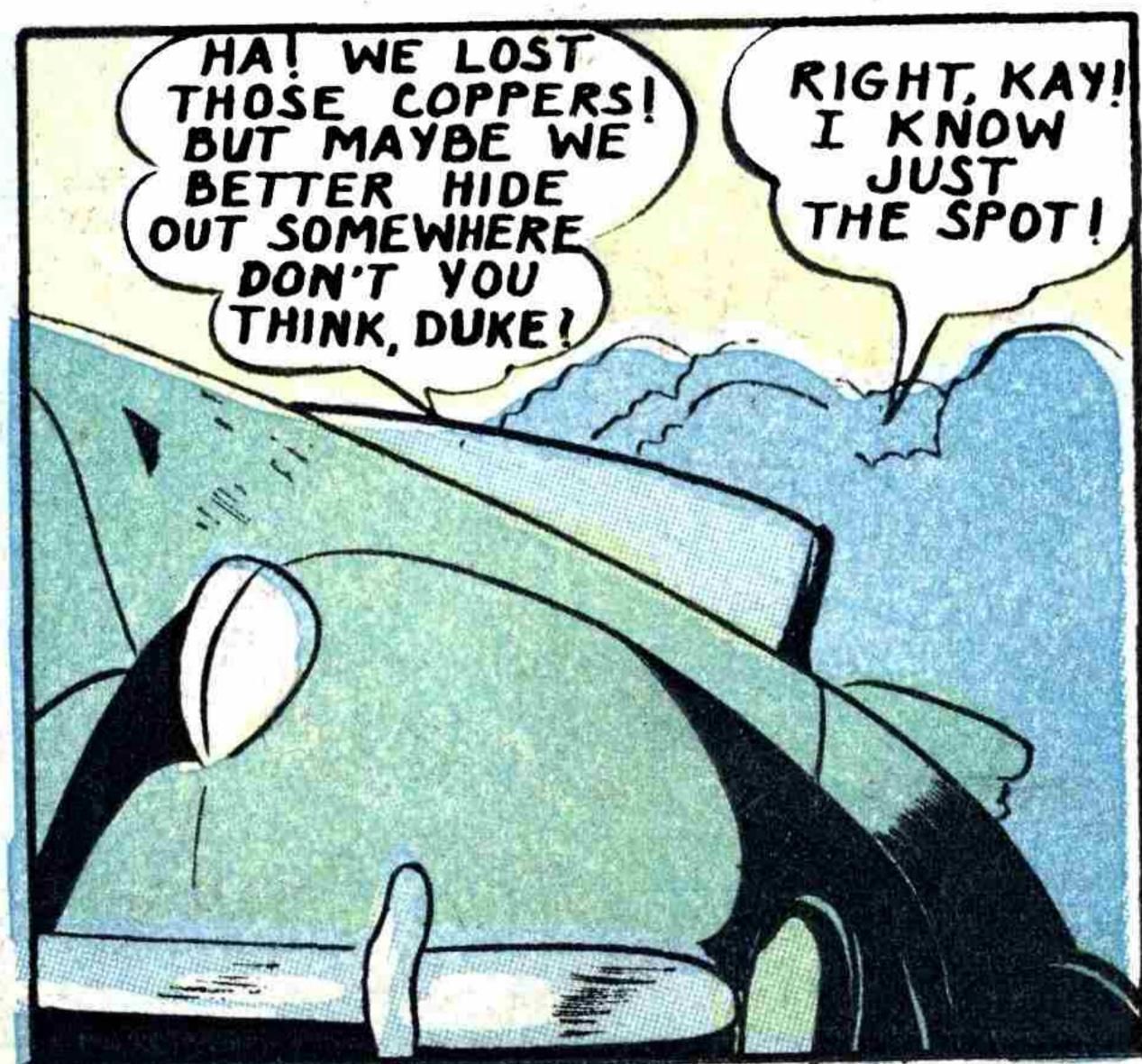


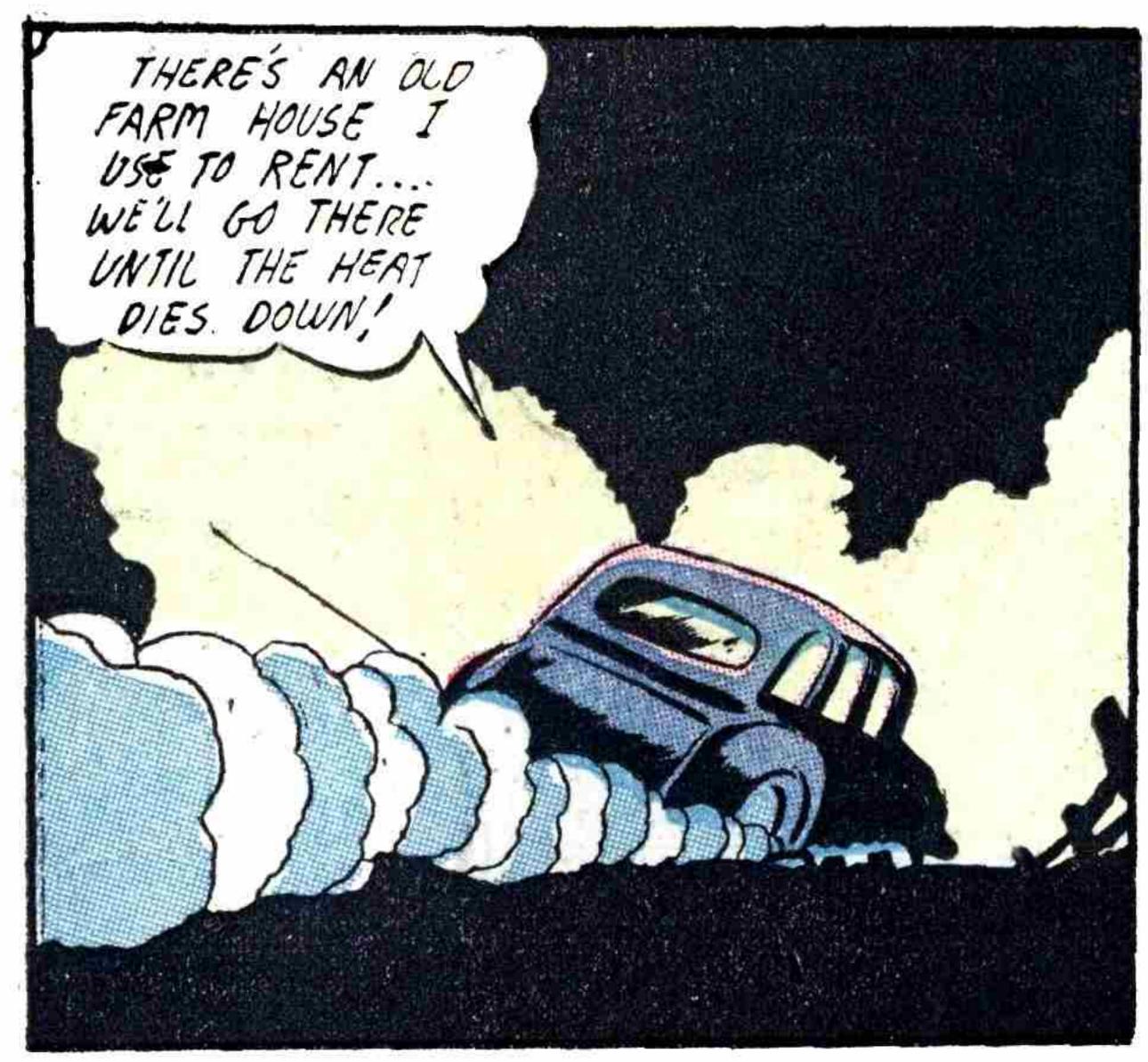


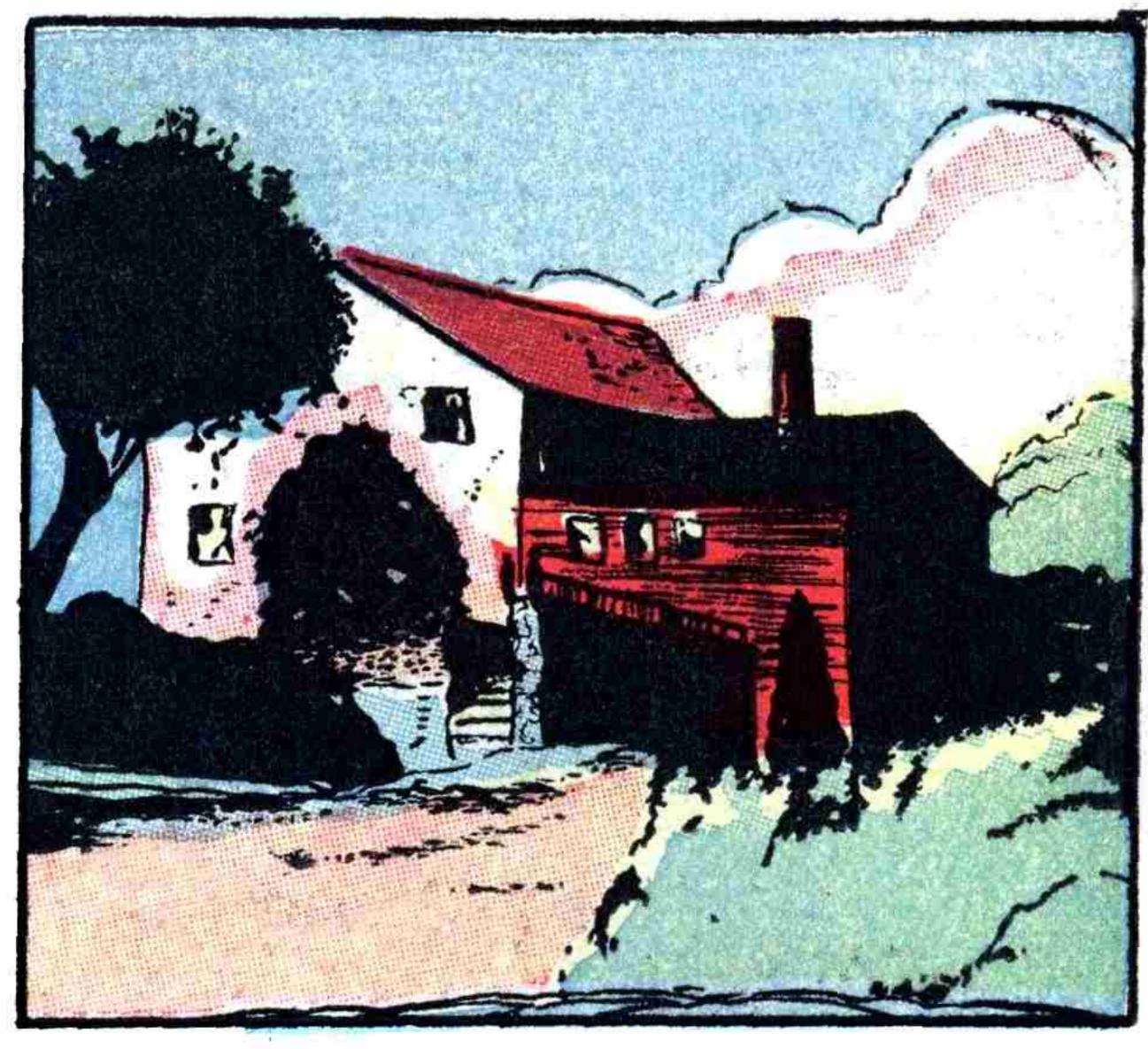


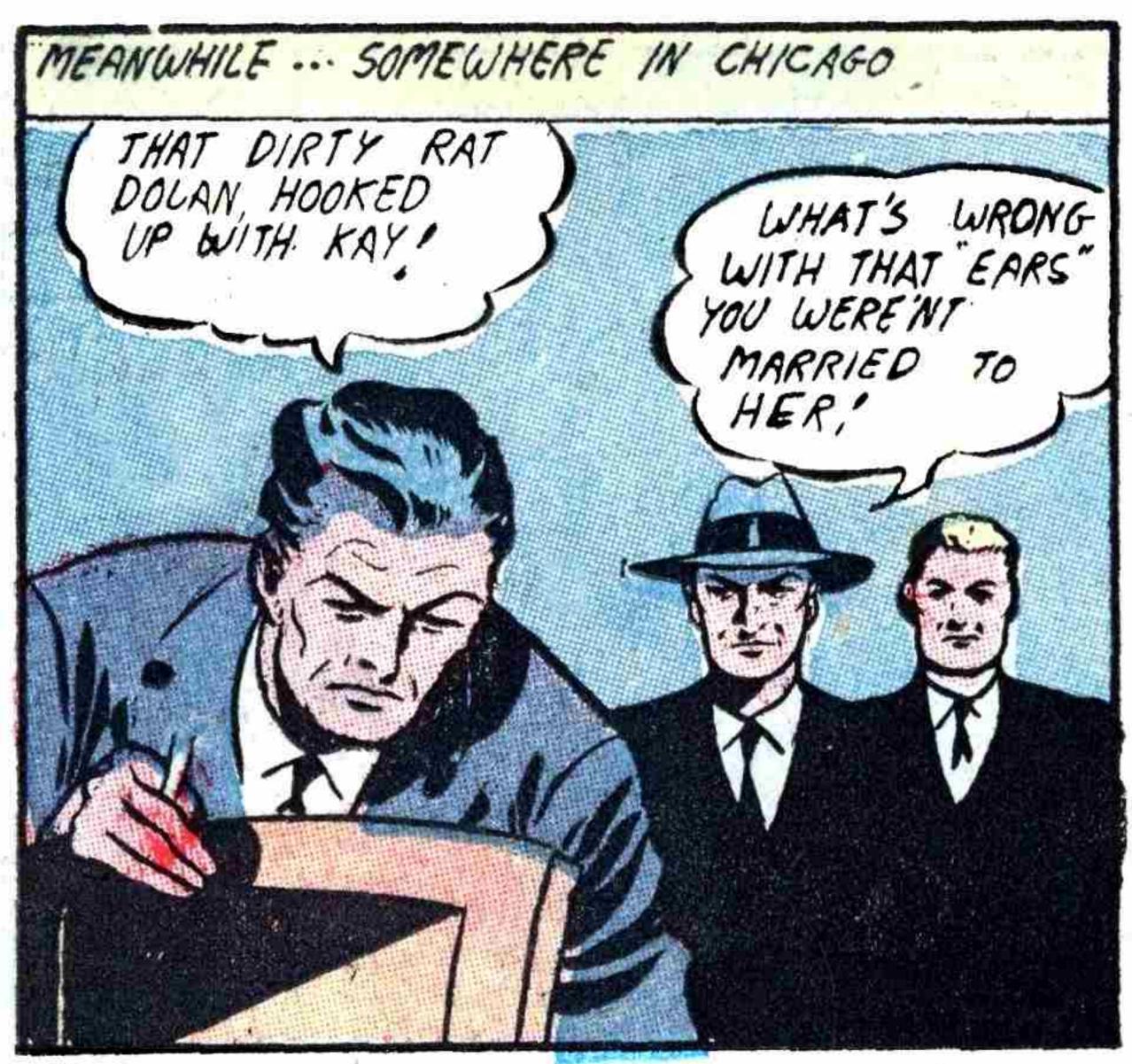






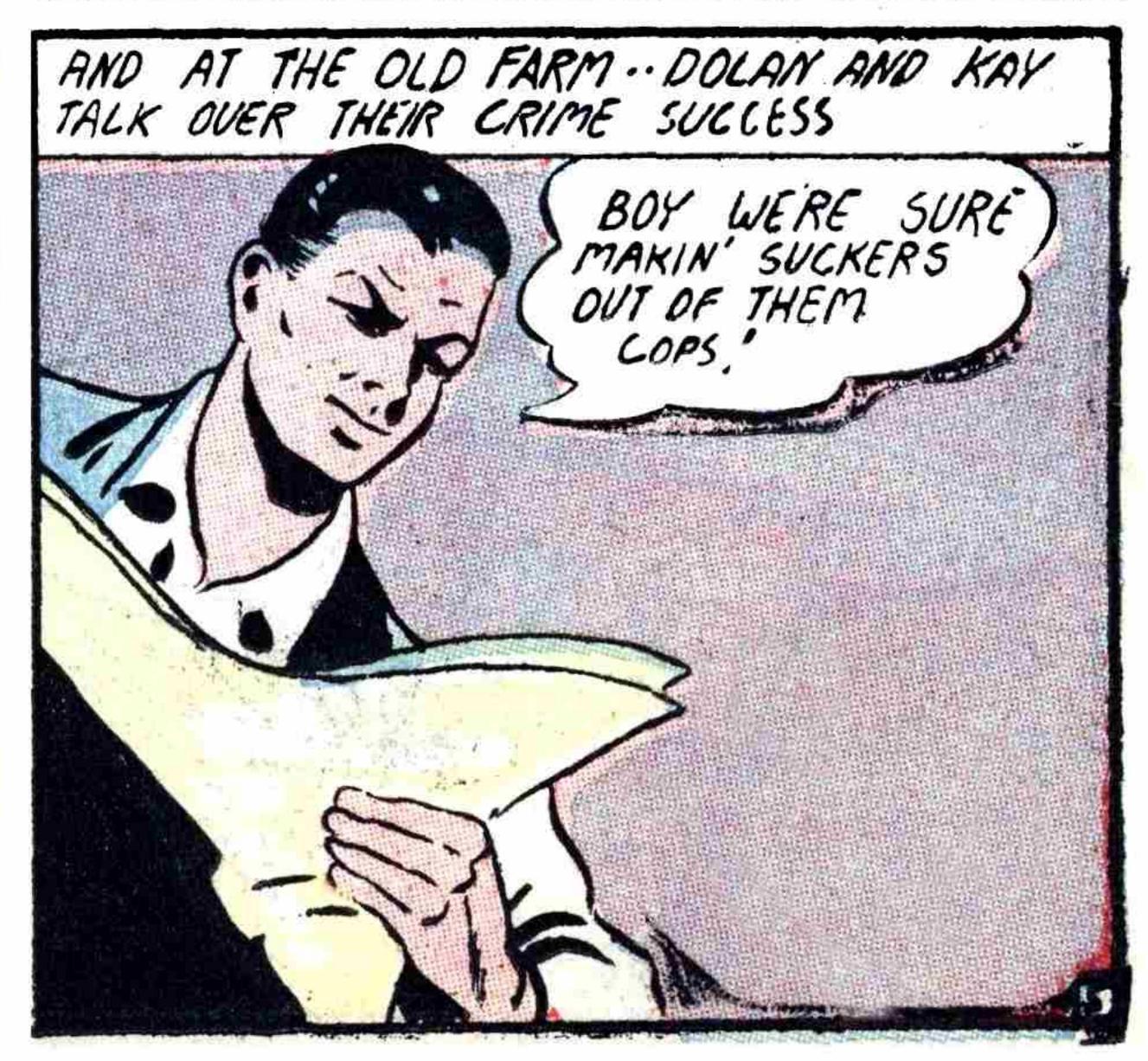




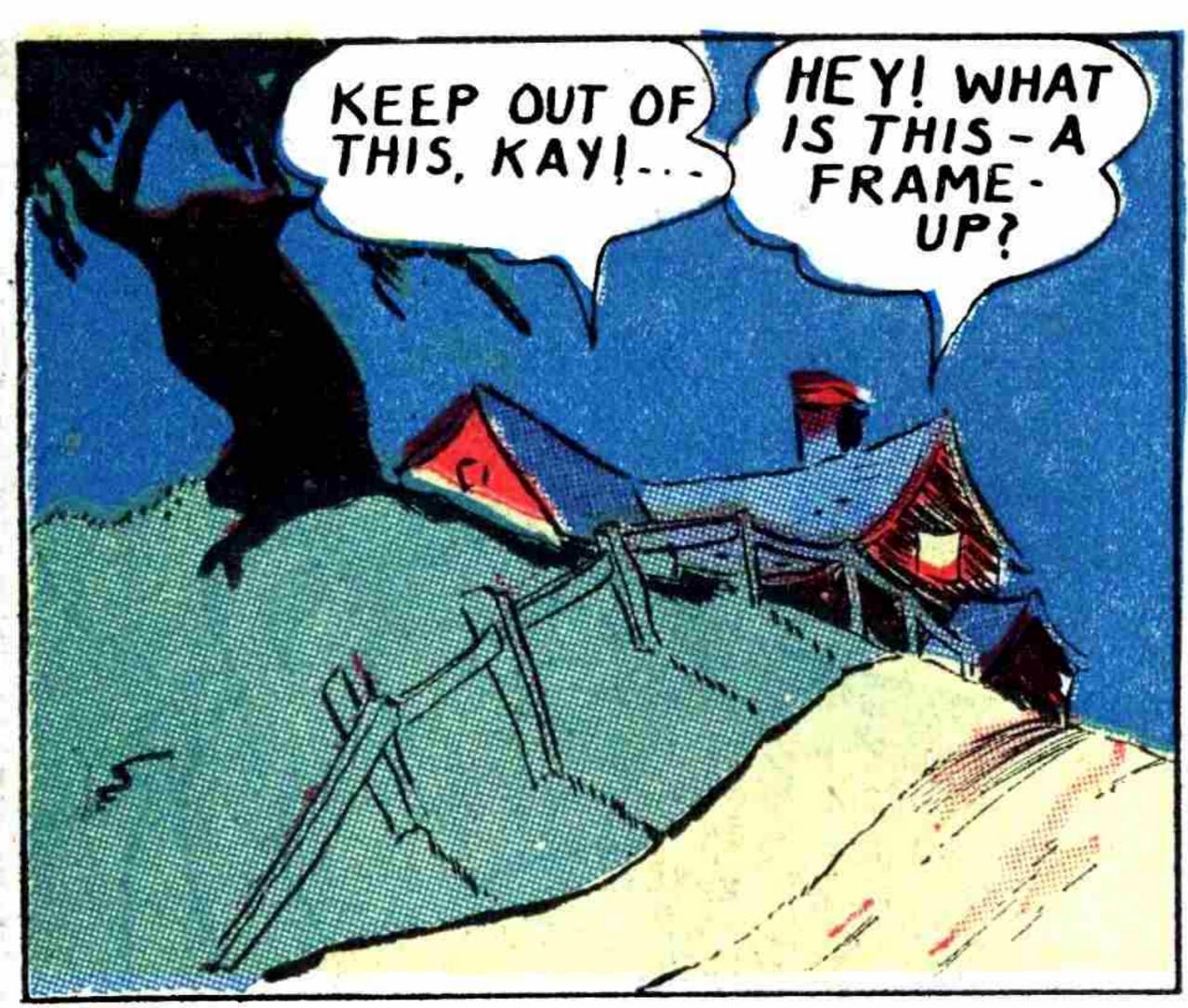




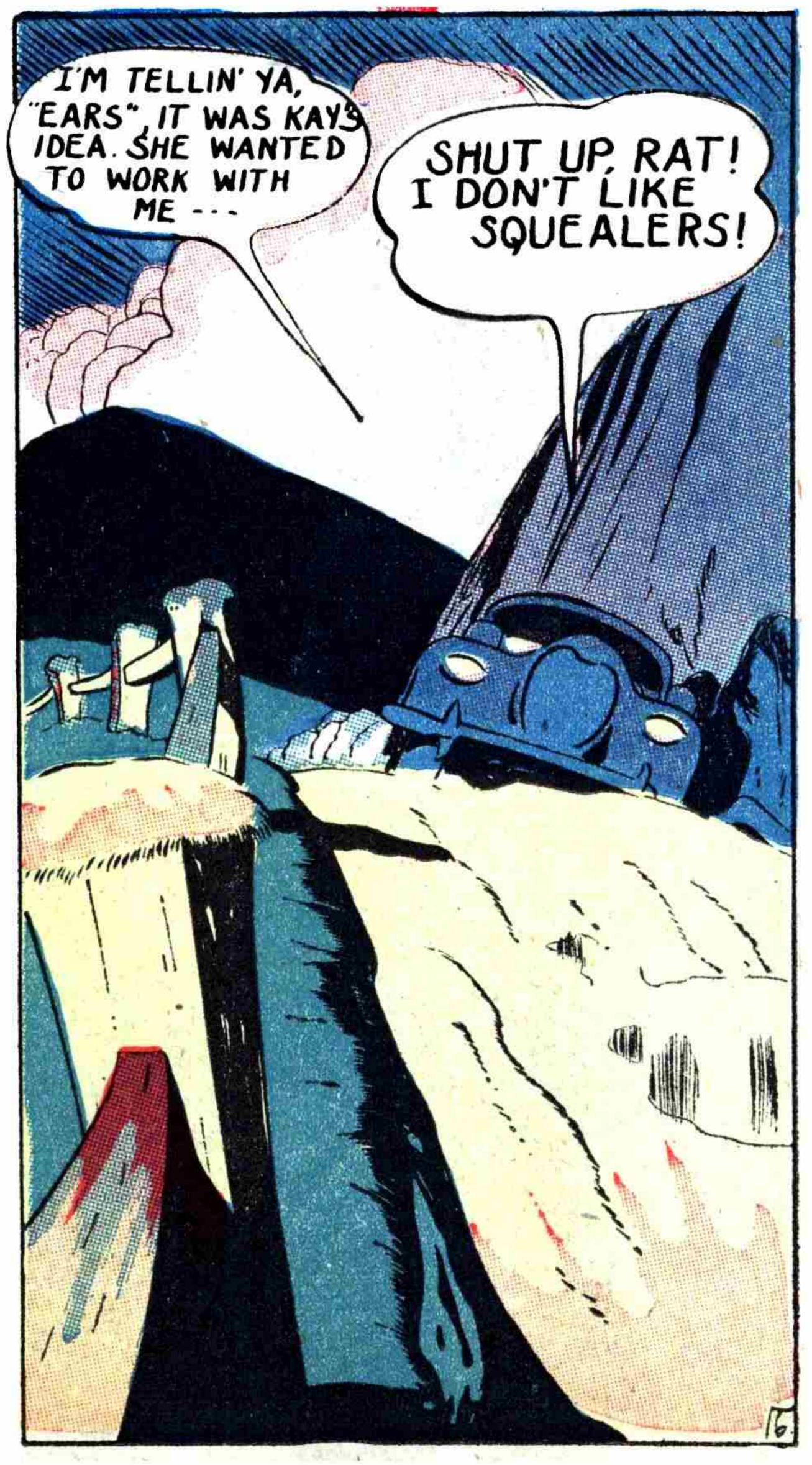
















50 THAT ENDS
THE INFAMOUS
CARBER OF MIKE
POLAN ... The
Cause of his Death
One,.. Redhead

## FROM THE UNDERWORLD

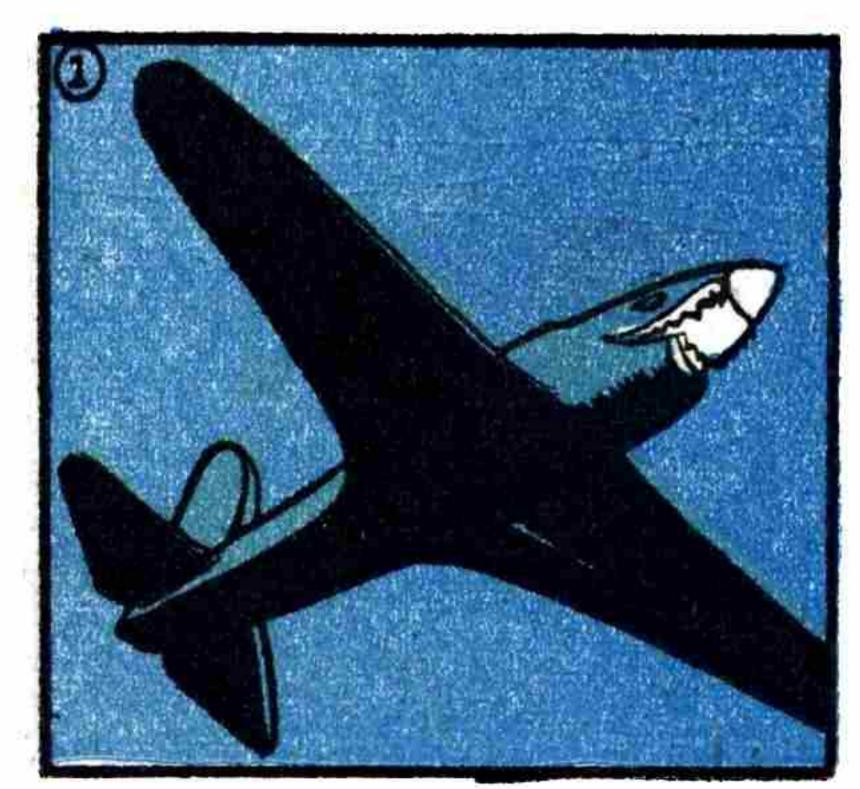
WHEN JOE THE GREASER, A BIG TIME RACKETEER FOUND THAT HE WAS LOSING ALL HIS MEN TO DOPEY BENNYS MOB, HE DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION... WITH THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF HIS GANG... HE MET BENNYS MOB AND BULLETS AND SMOKE CHOKED THE AIR BUT BY SOME MIRACLE NO ONE WAS KILLED OR WOUNDED...





KNOWING THAT A HENCHMEN NAMED JAWBACH WAS BEHIND TAKING HIS MEN, JOE THE GREASER, SENT ONE OF HIS MOBSTERS TO SILENCE HIM... THE MOBSTER MET JAWBACH ON A STREET CORNER AND ONLY HAD TIME TO STAB HIM, BEFORE THE POLICE INTERFERED. LATER, AFTER JAWBACH RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS, SIX THUGS SEIZED HIM AND TOOK HIM TO JOE THE GREASER.... WHILE THE GANGSTERS HELD HIM DOWN, JOE CUT LARGE PIECES OUT OF HIS LIPS, THUS SCARING JAWBACH SO BADLY THAT HE LEFT TOWN.

## PICTURE QUIZ

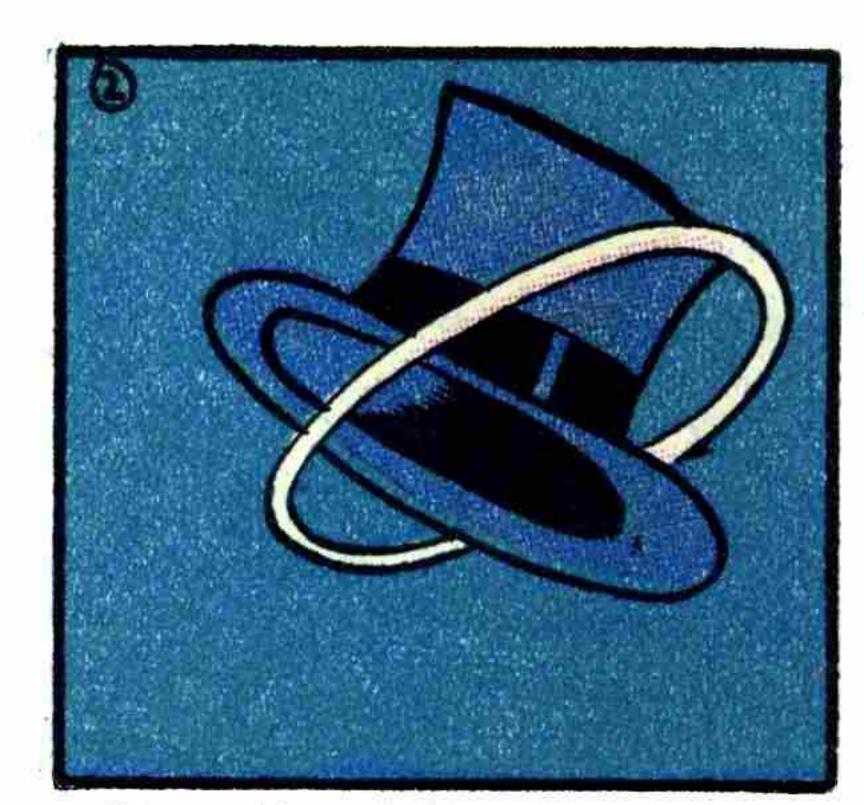


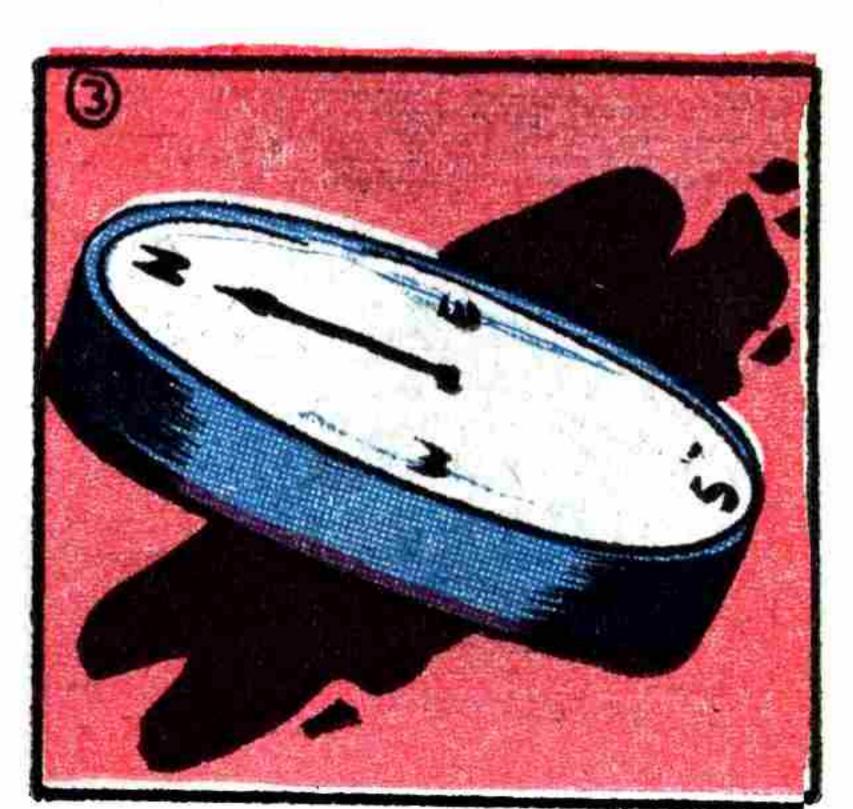
THIS IS A FAMOUS....

1. TIGER PLANE

2. WAR HAWK.

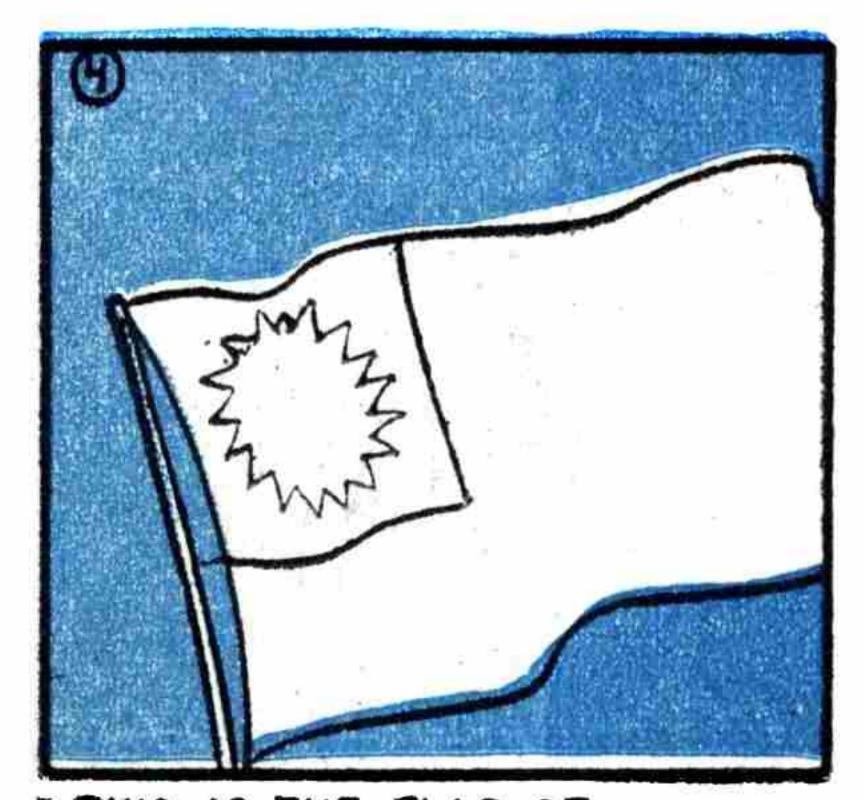
3. SPITFIRE





THIS INSTRUMENT IS A...

1. BROMETER
2. SEXTON
3. COMPASS

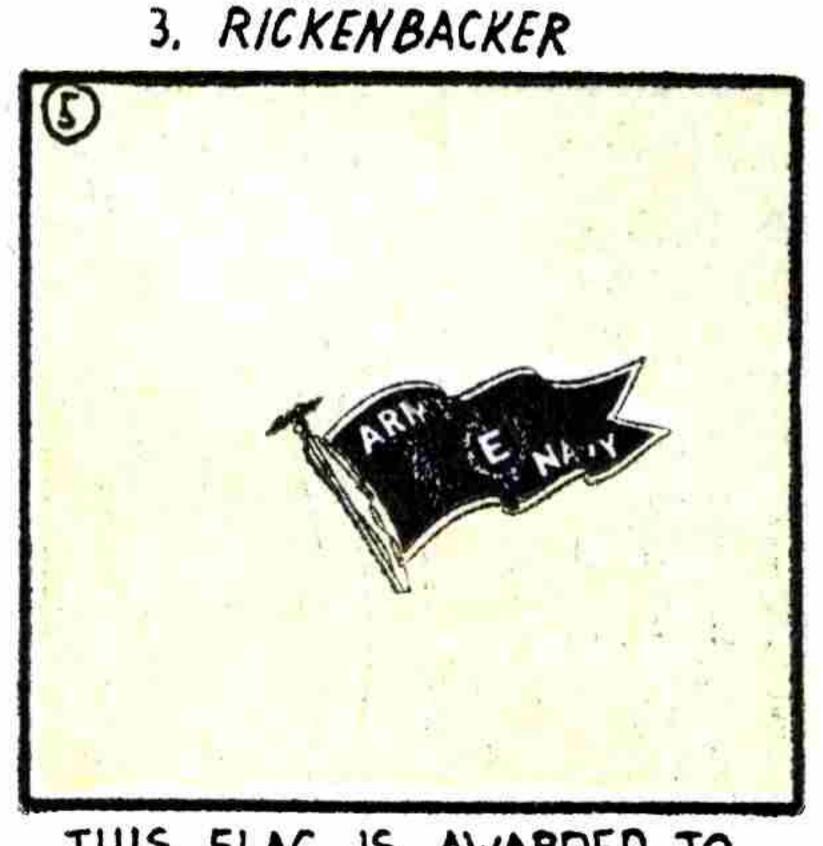


THIS IS THE FLAG OF

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2. CHINA

3. RUSSIA

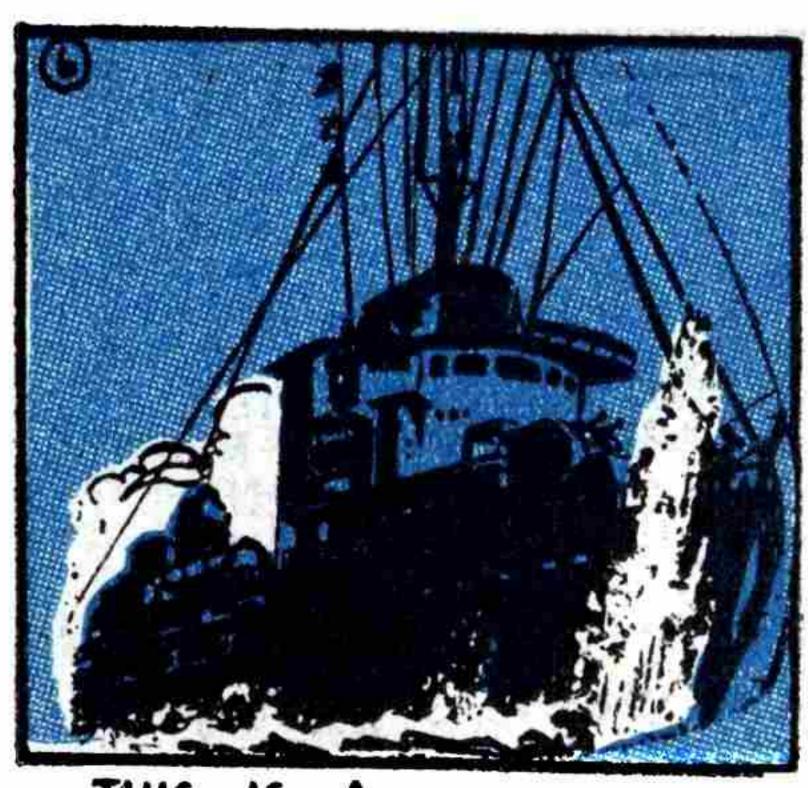


THIS FLAG IS AWARDED TO

1. ARMY CAMPS

2. NAVAL BASES

3. DEFENSE PLANTS

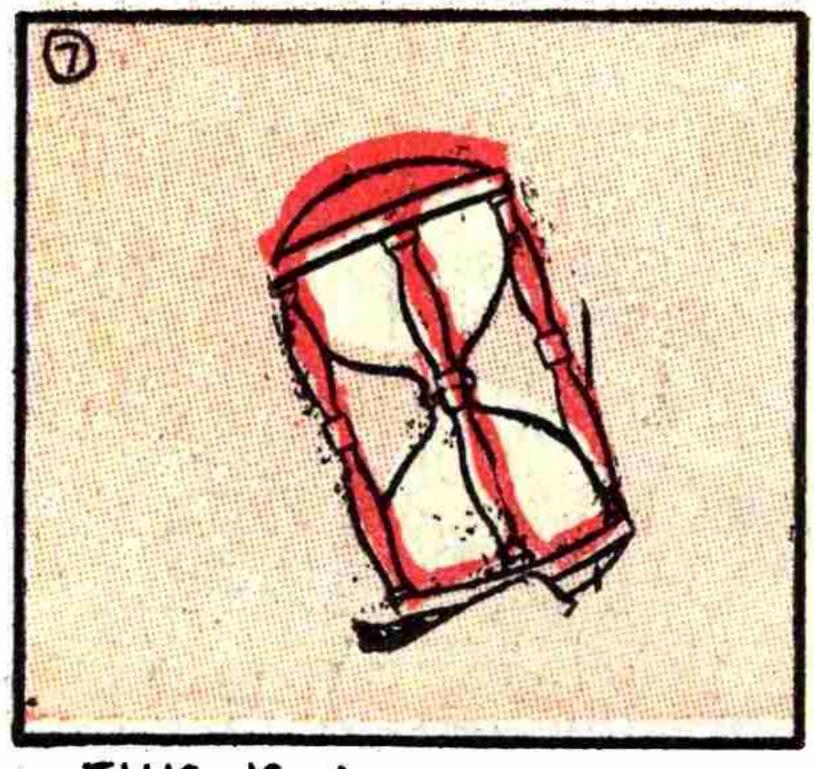


THIS IS A ....

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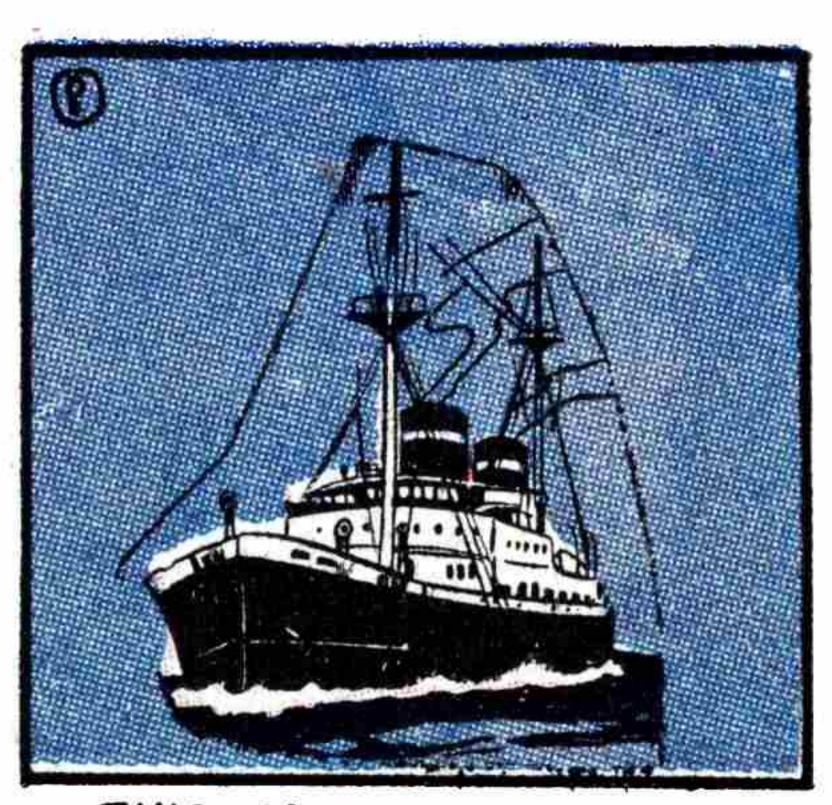
2. DESTROYER

3. FLAGSHIP



THIS IS A...

1 HOURGLASS
2. SUNDIAL
3. ALITMETER

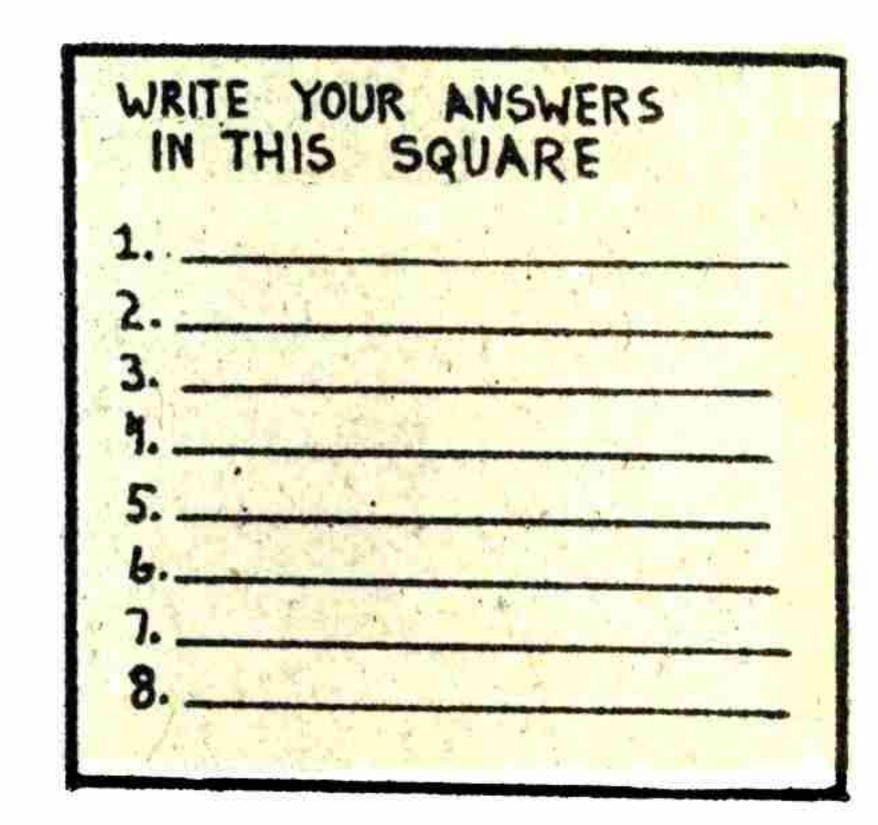


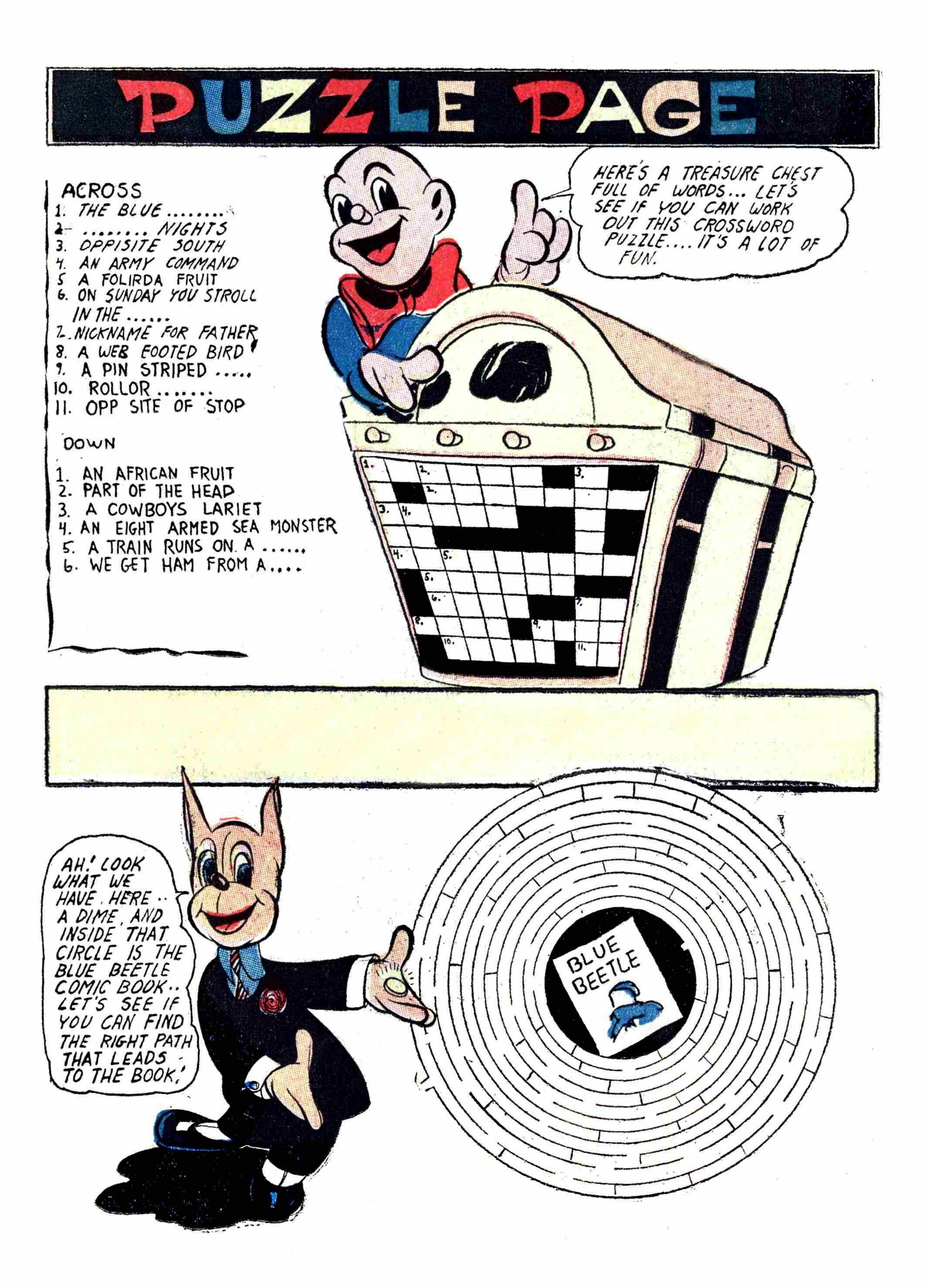
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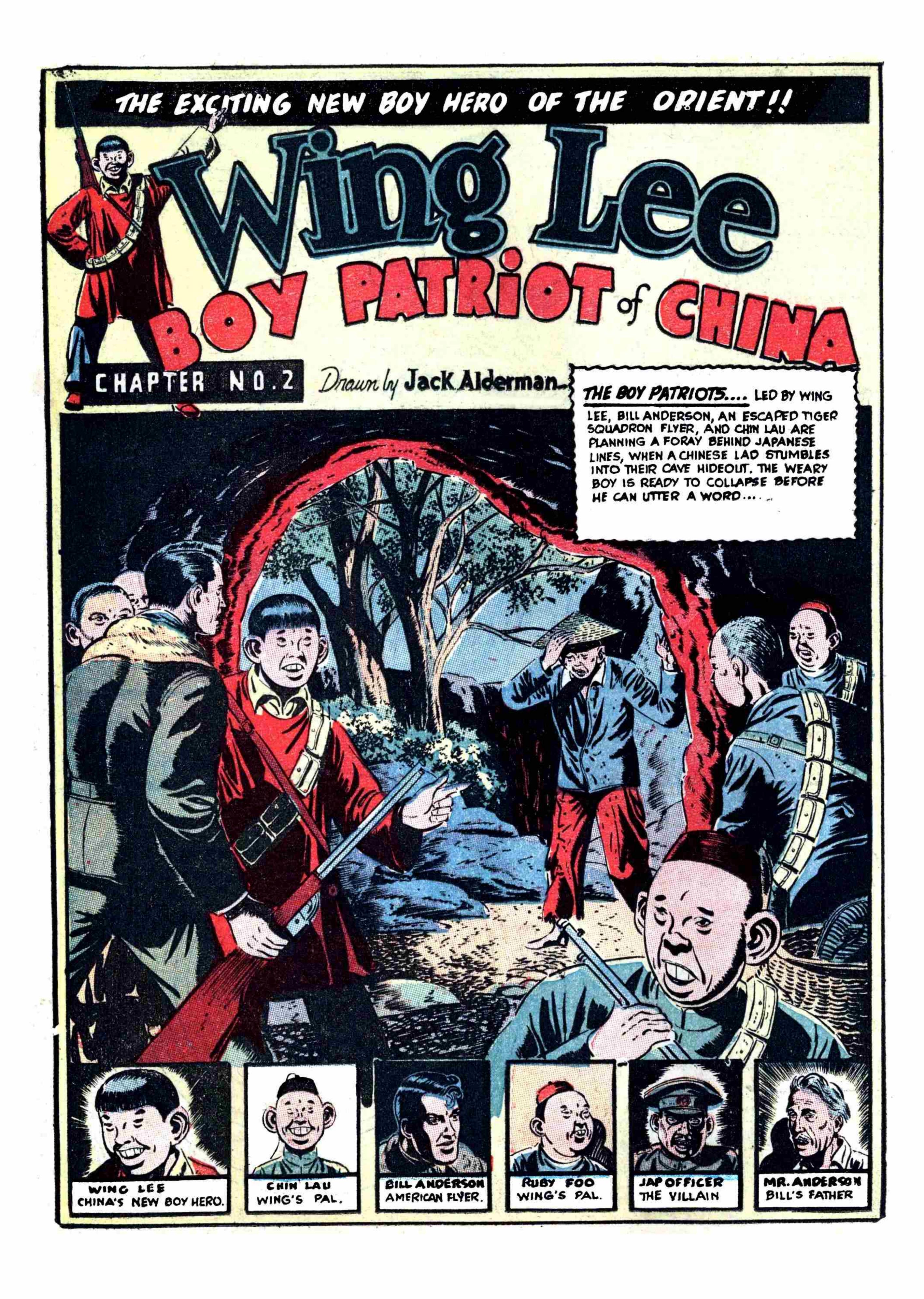
1. TORPEDO BOAT

2. CORVETTE

3. MERCHANT SHIP



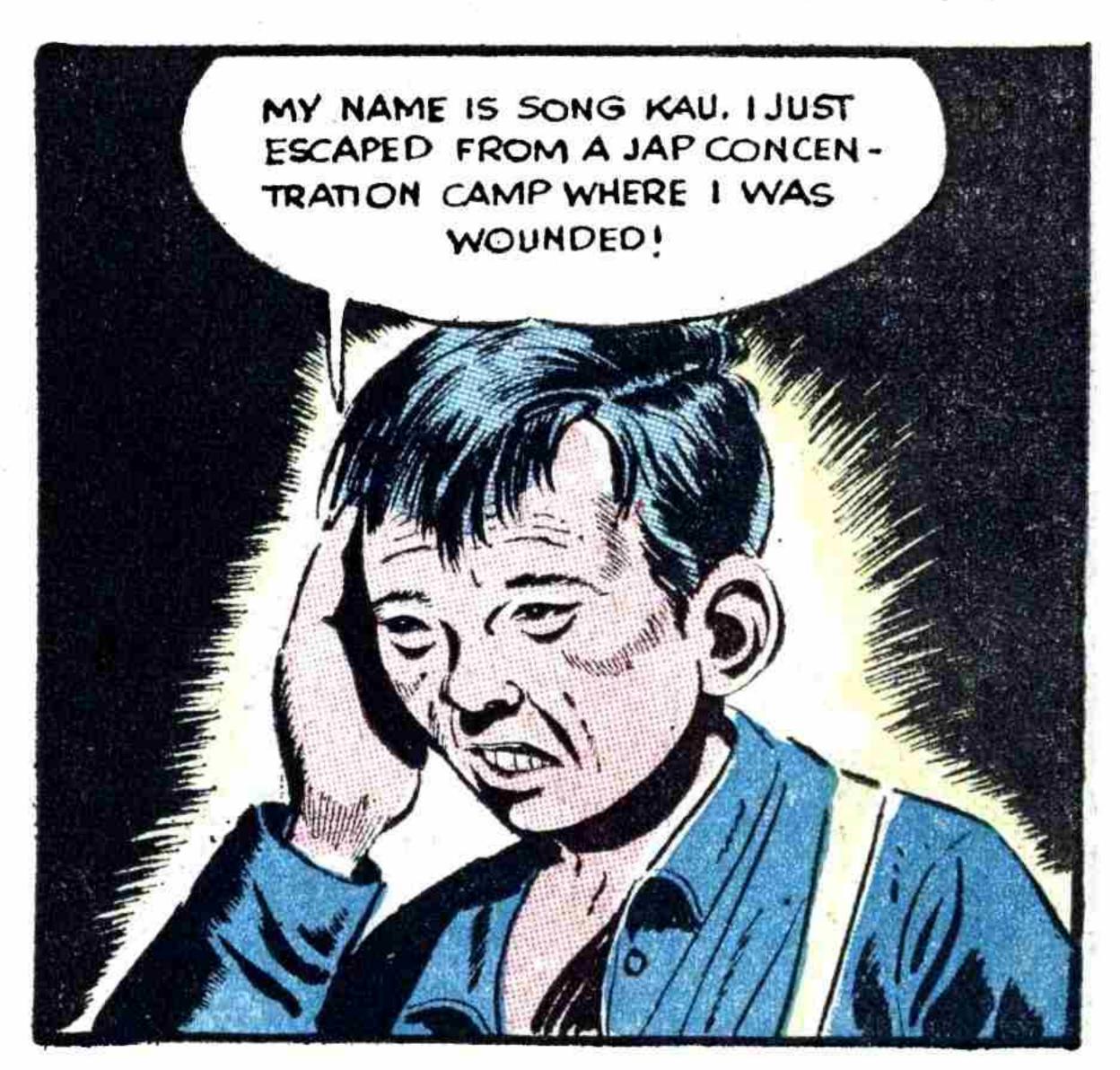










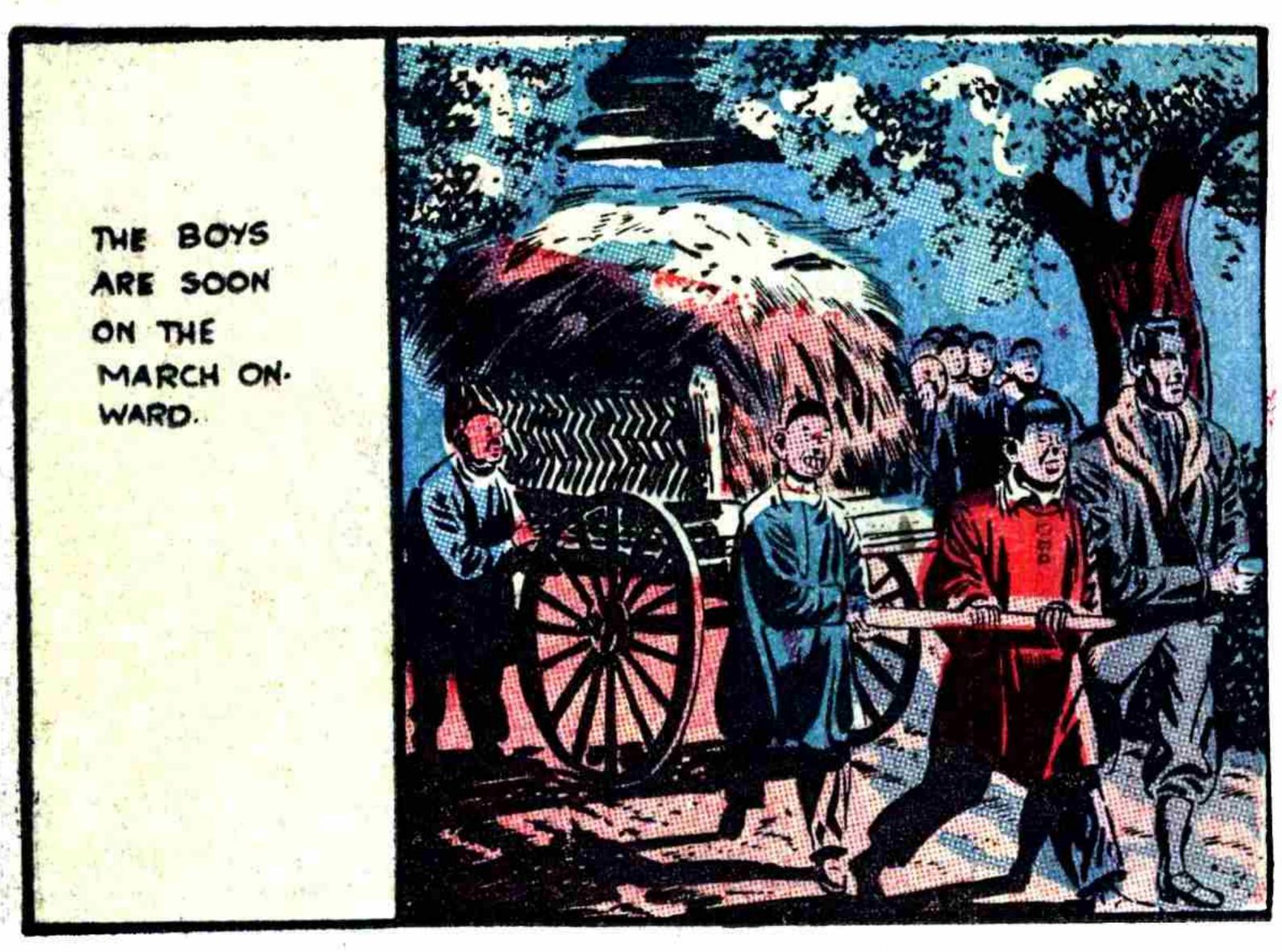




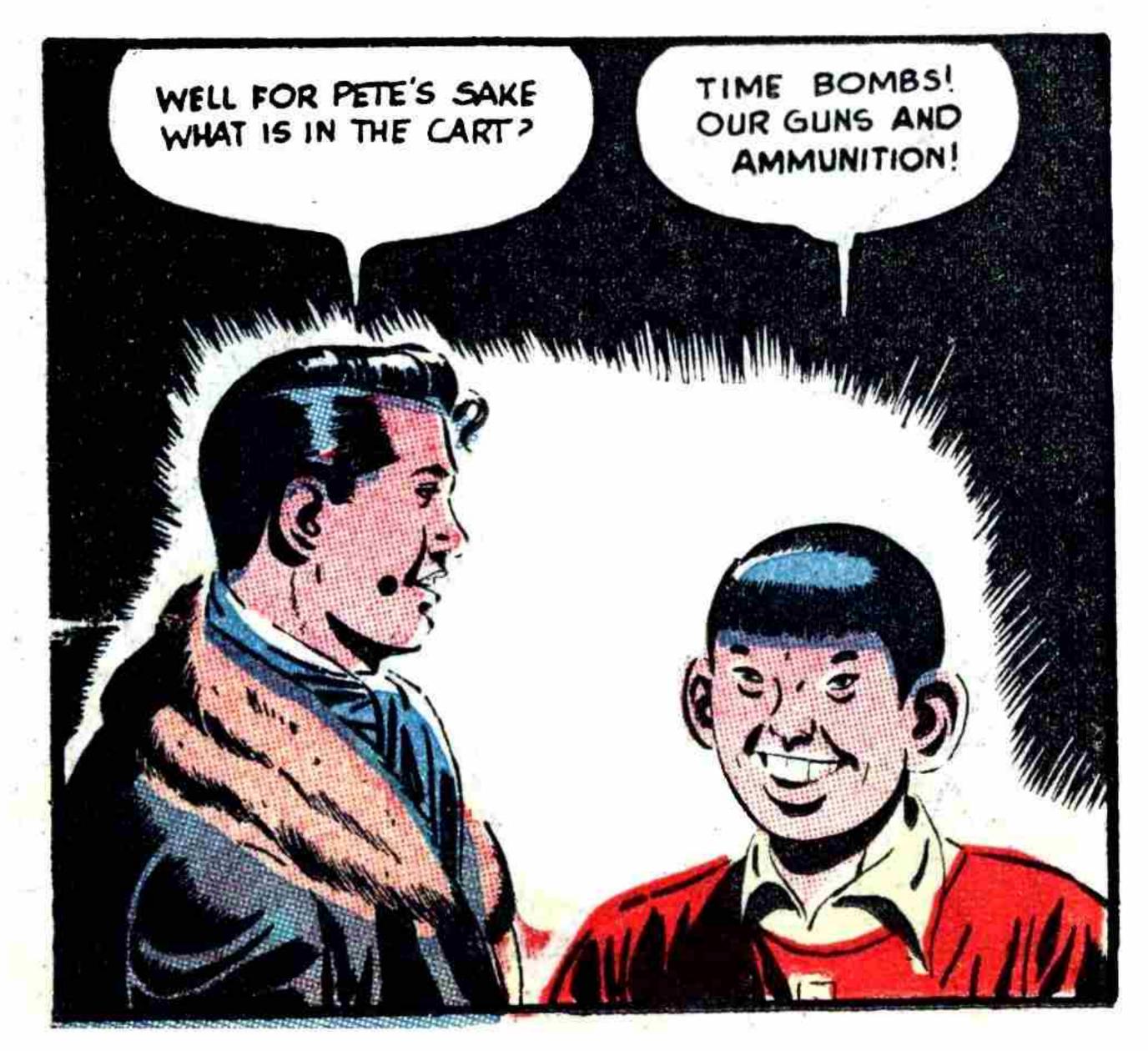








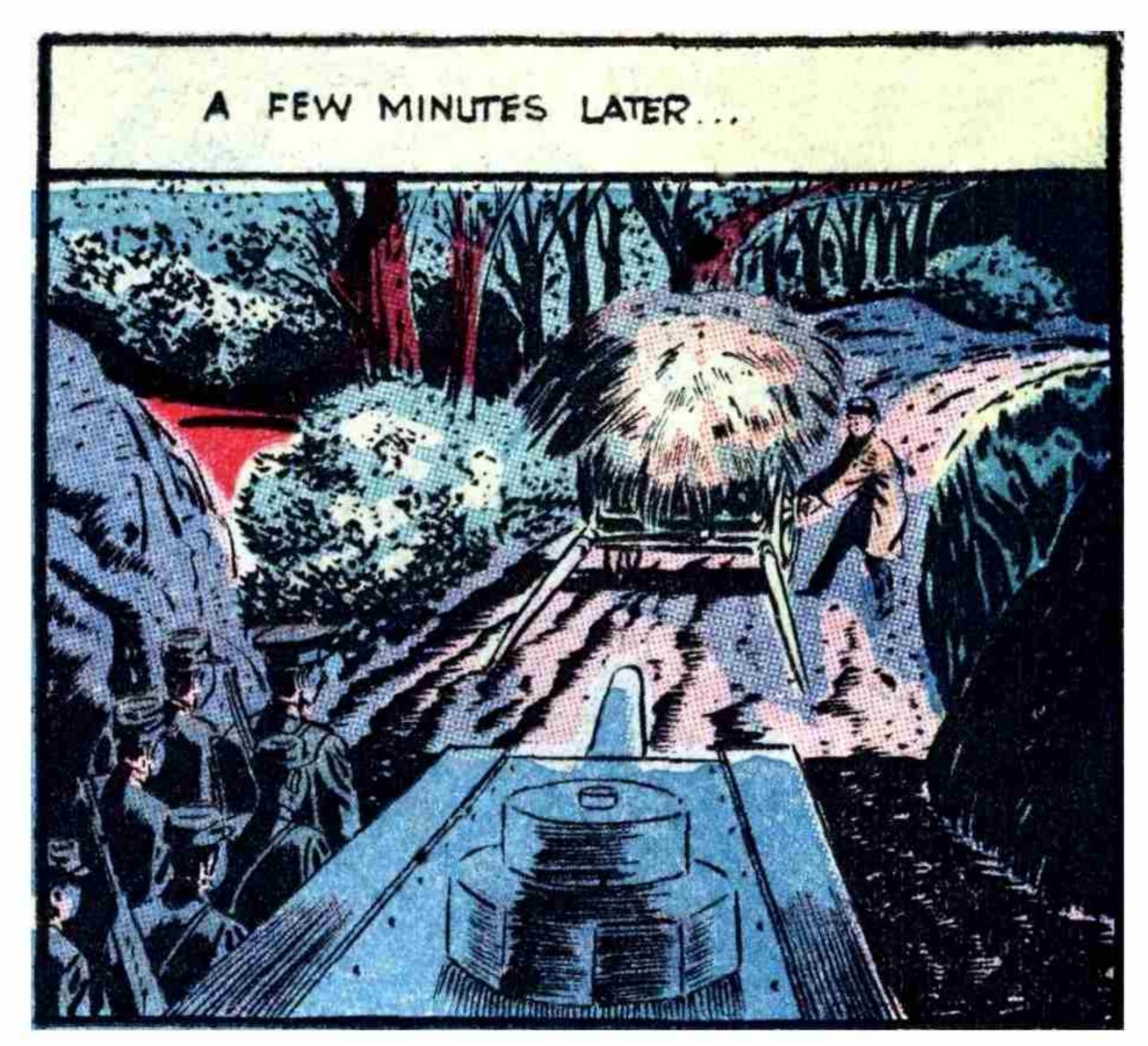




LATER THAT AFTERNOON ..





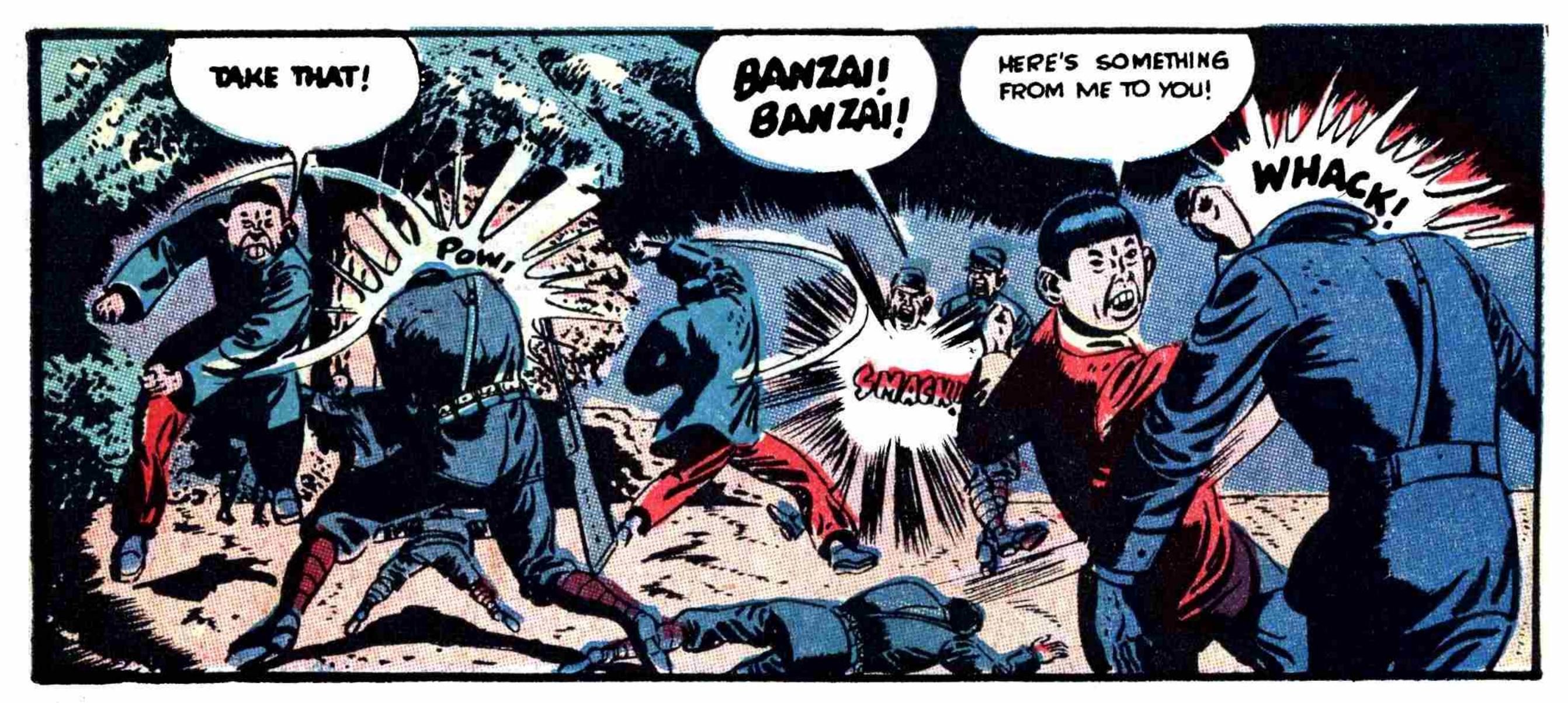










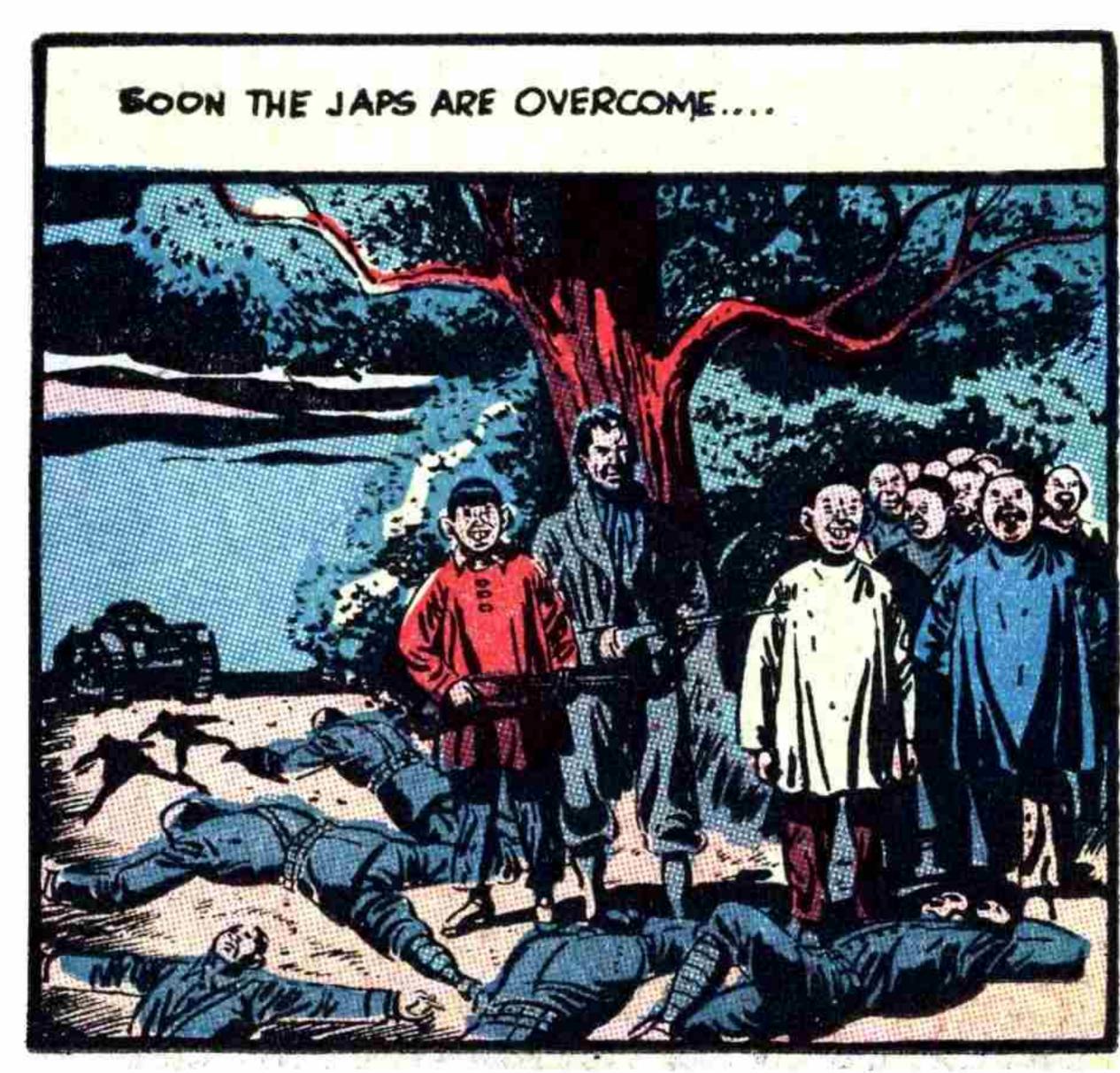








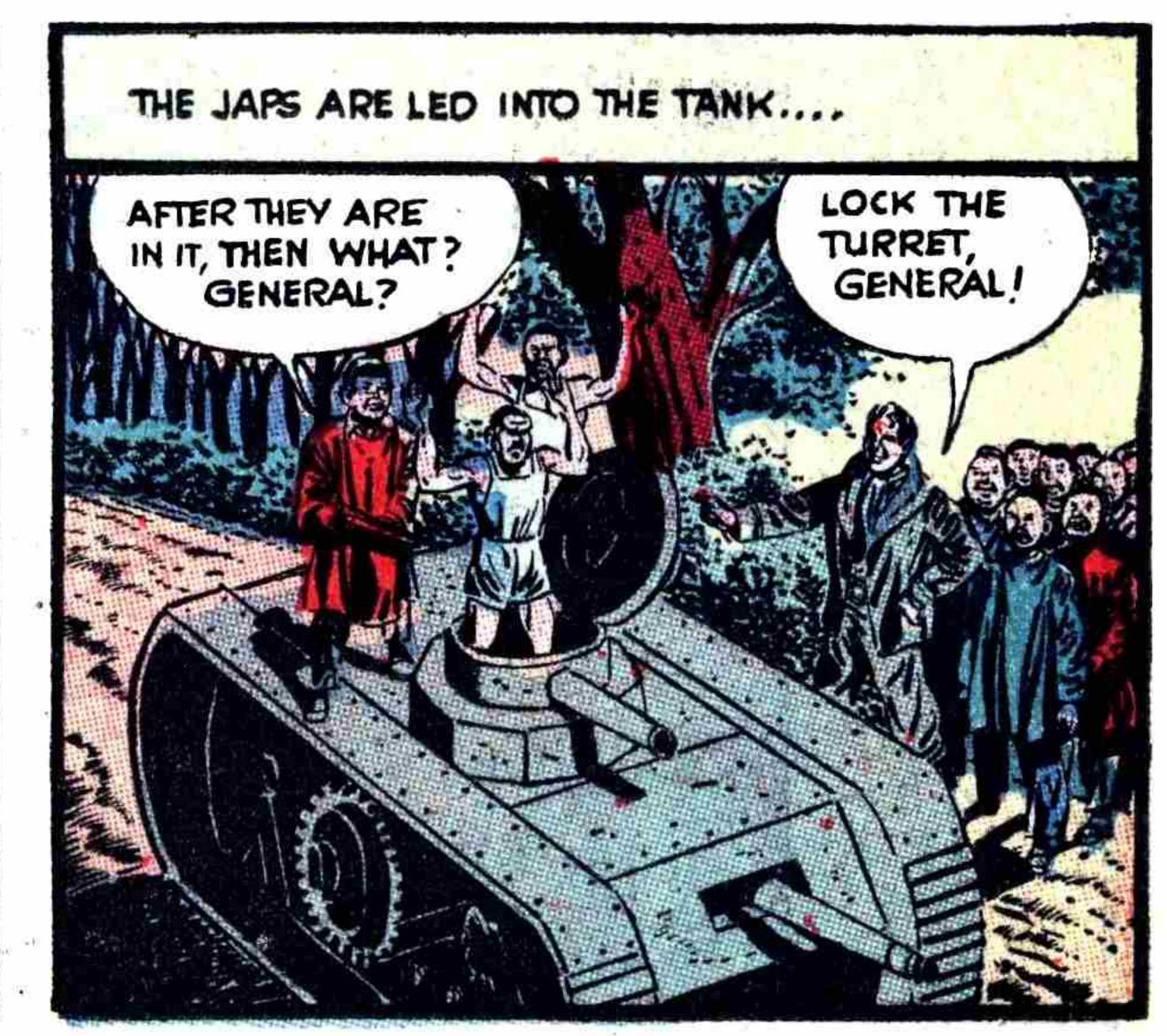
WHEN BILL ANDERSON INTERUPTS AND ....









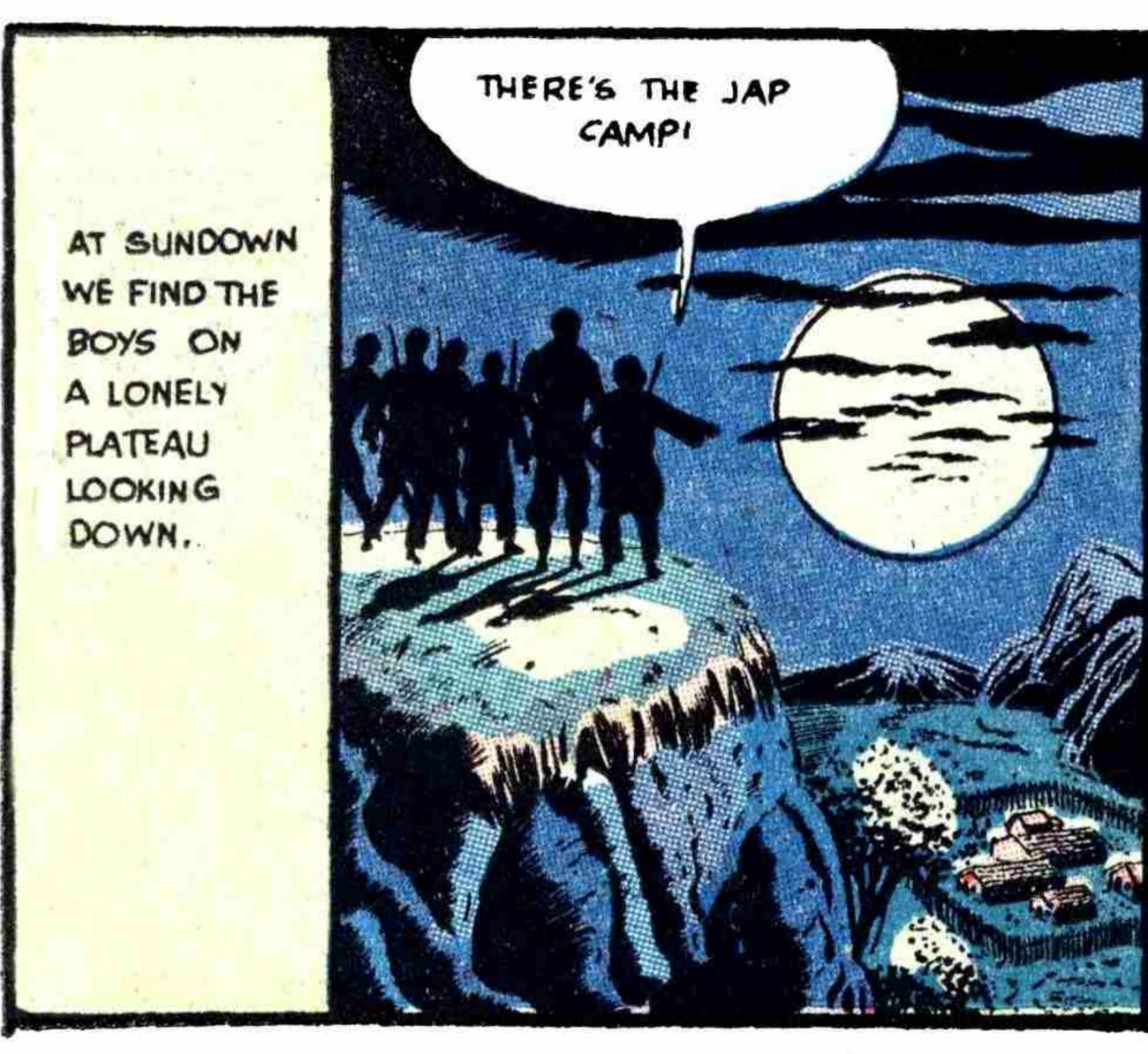






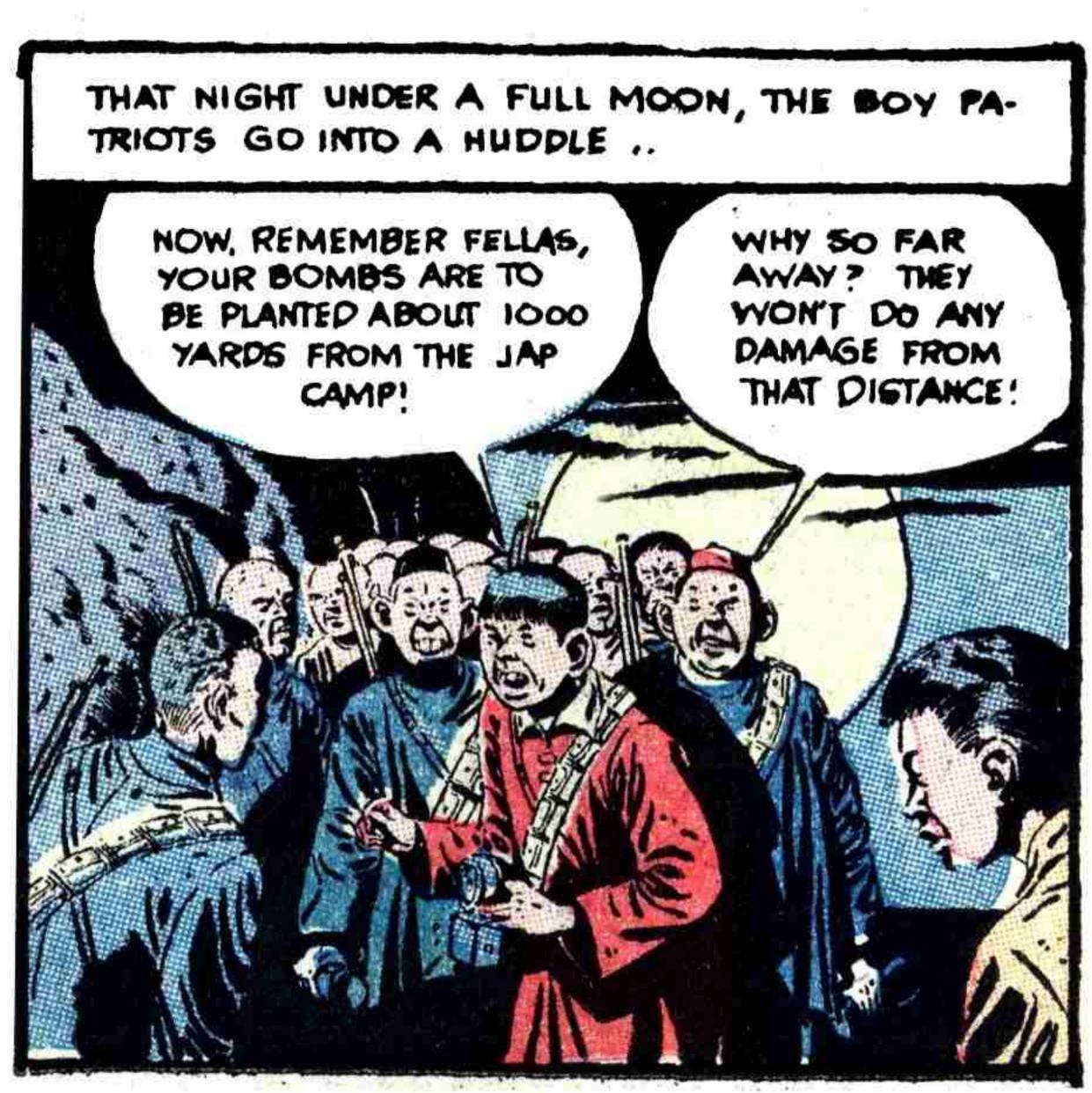






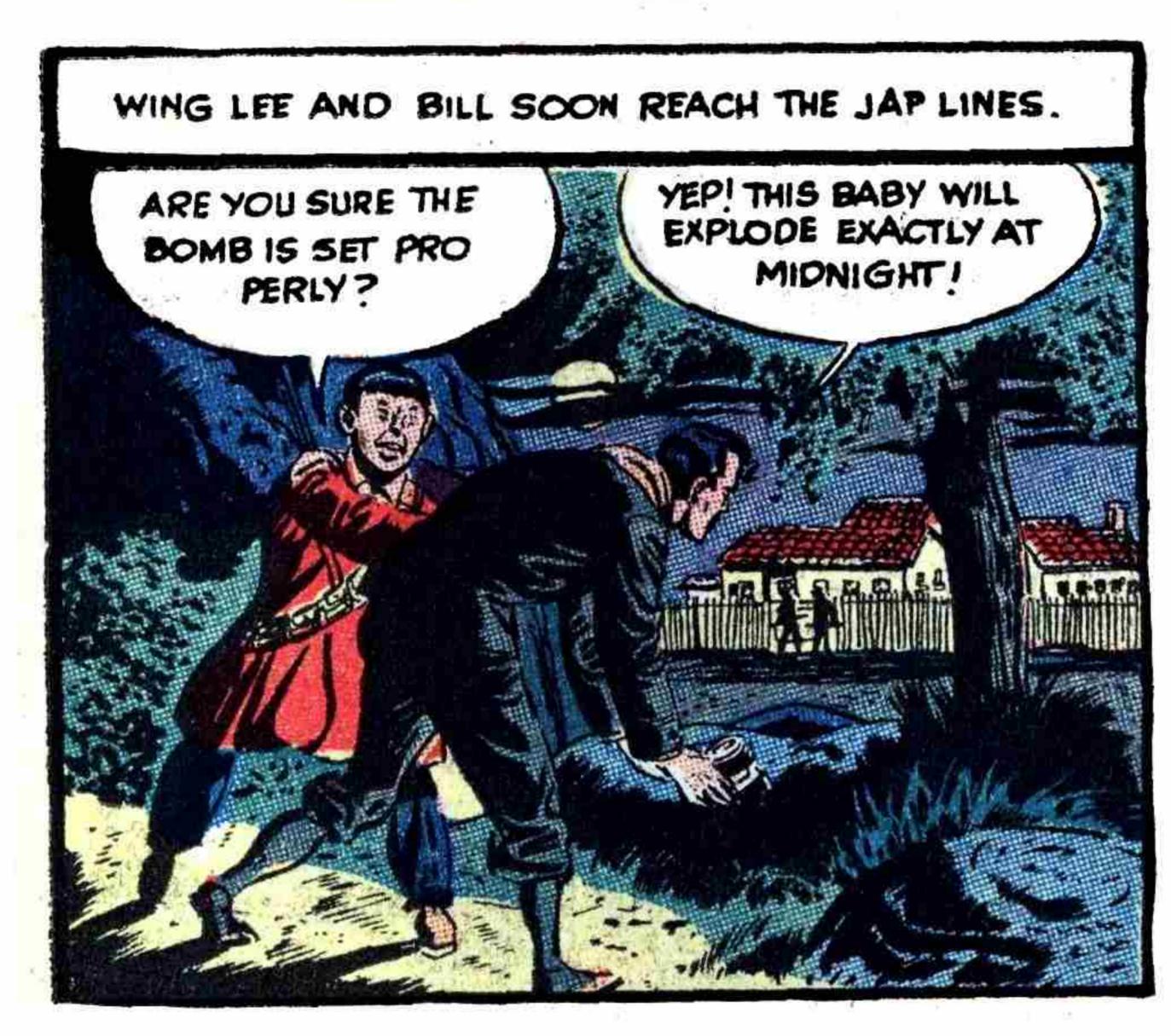
















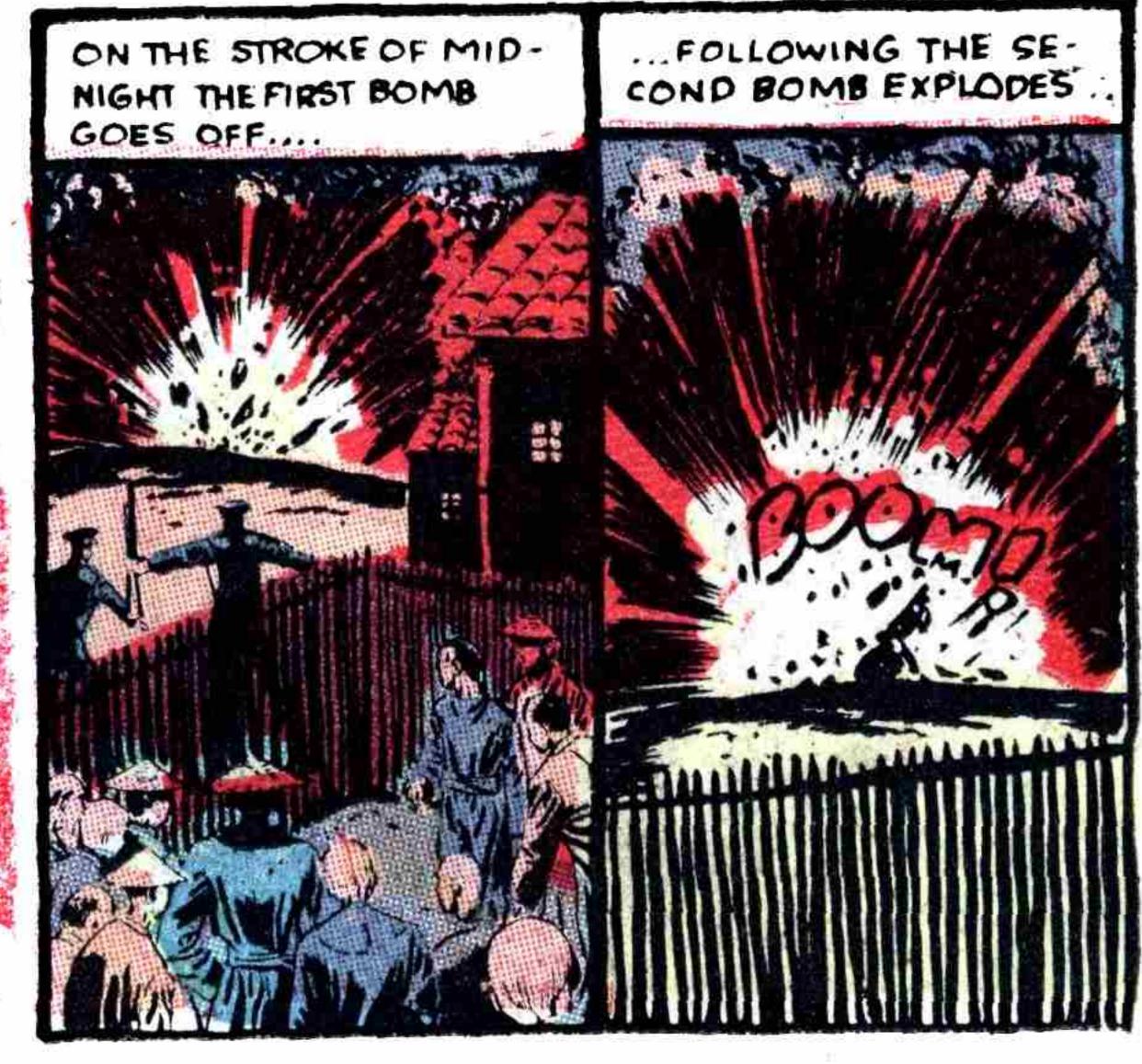


THEN AS THE JAPS COME CLOSER TO INVESTIGAT











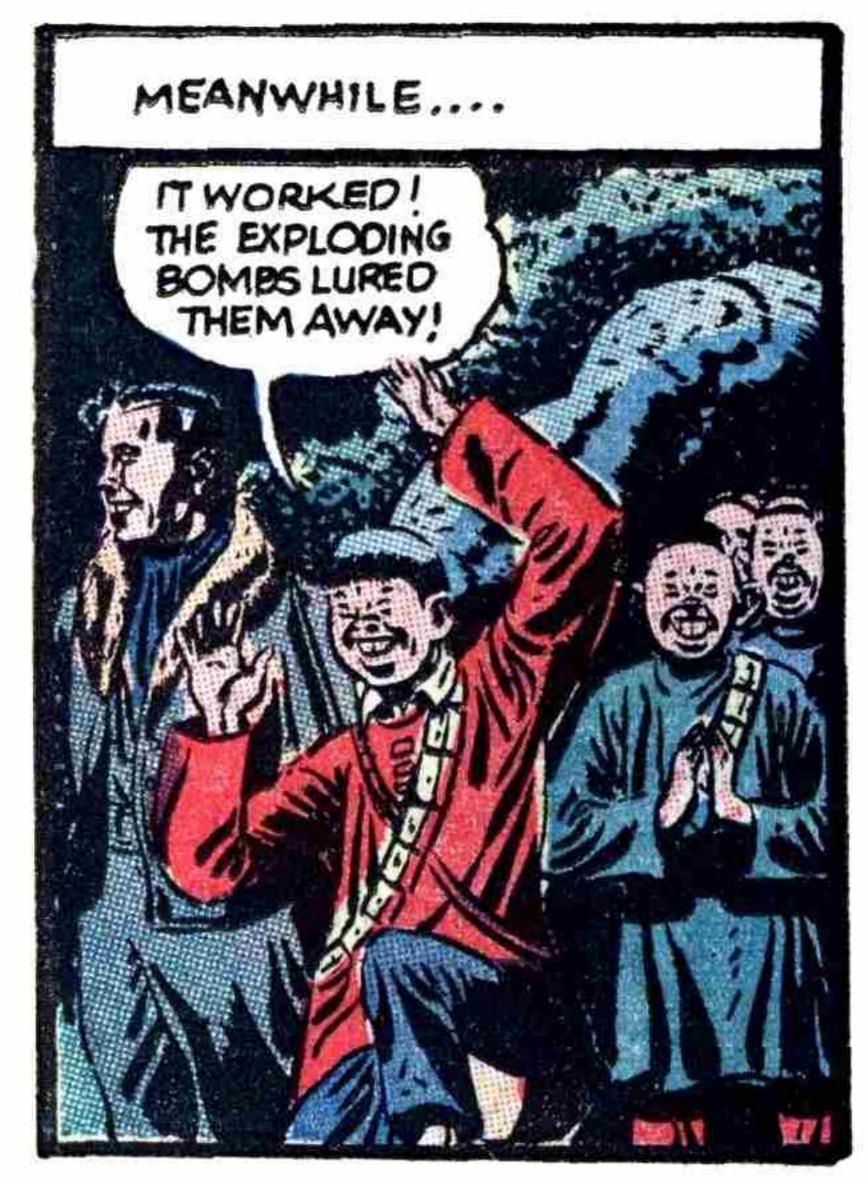






THE OFFICER AND GUARDS HURRY AWAY AS THE TIGER SQUADRON APPEAR UNEXPECTEDLY....







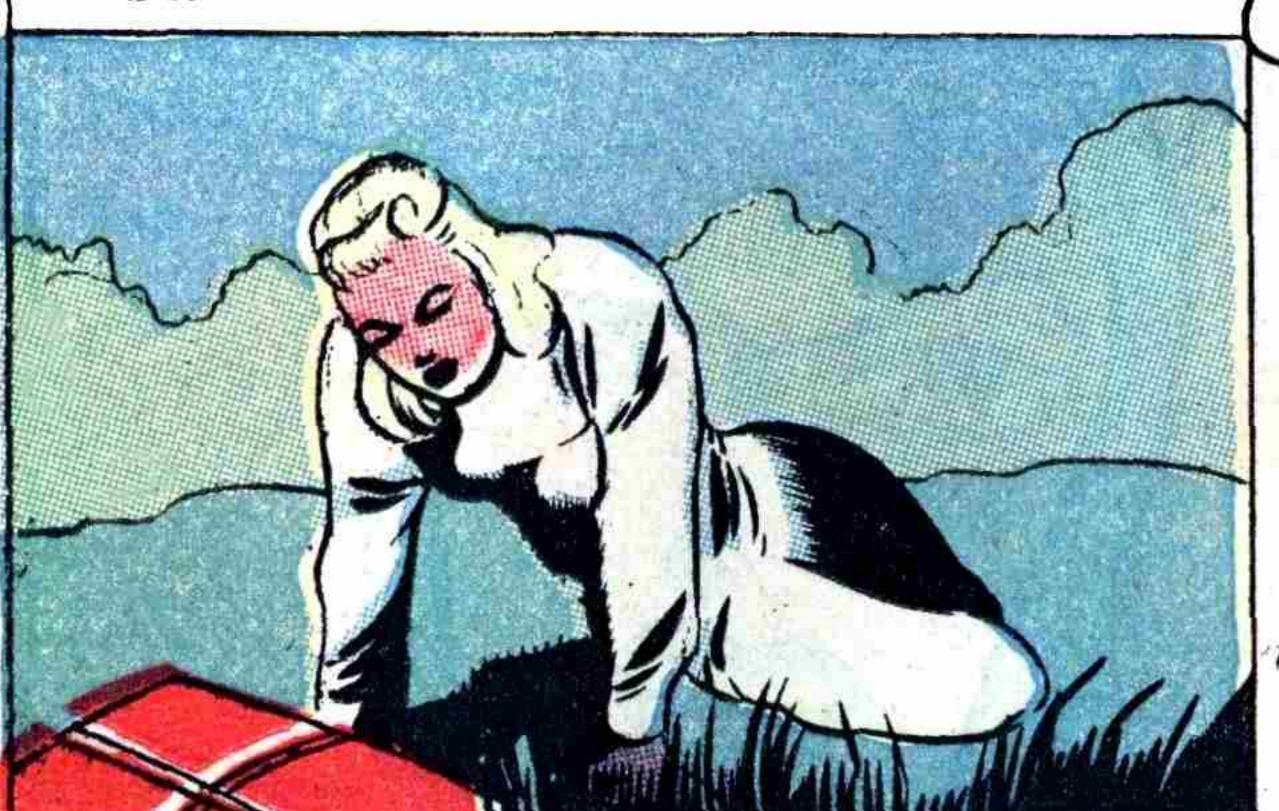




## COUNTER SIER FIGHTER



LYING WOUNDED IN A FOREST CLEARING, 17-YEAR-OLD VERA NIKITINA, A GUERRILLA GIRL, DRAGS HERSELF TO AN AMERICAN BLANKET DROPPED BY A RED AIR FORCE PILOT.













ONE DAY COMING BACK FROM THE FOREST, I SAW FLAMES LEAPING UP FROM OUR NAZI-HELD VILLAGE

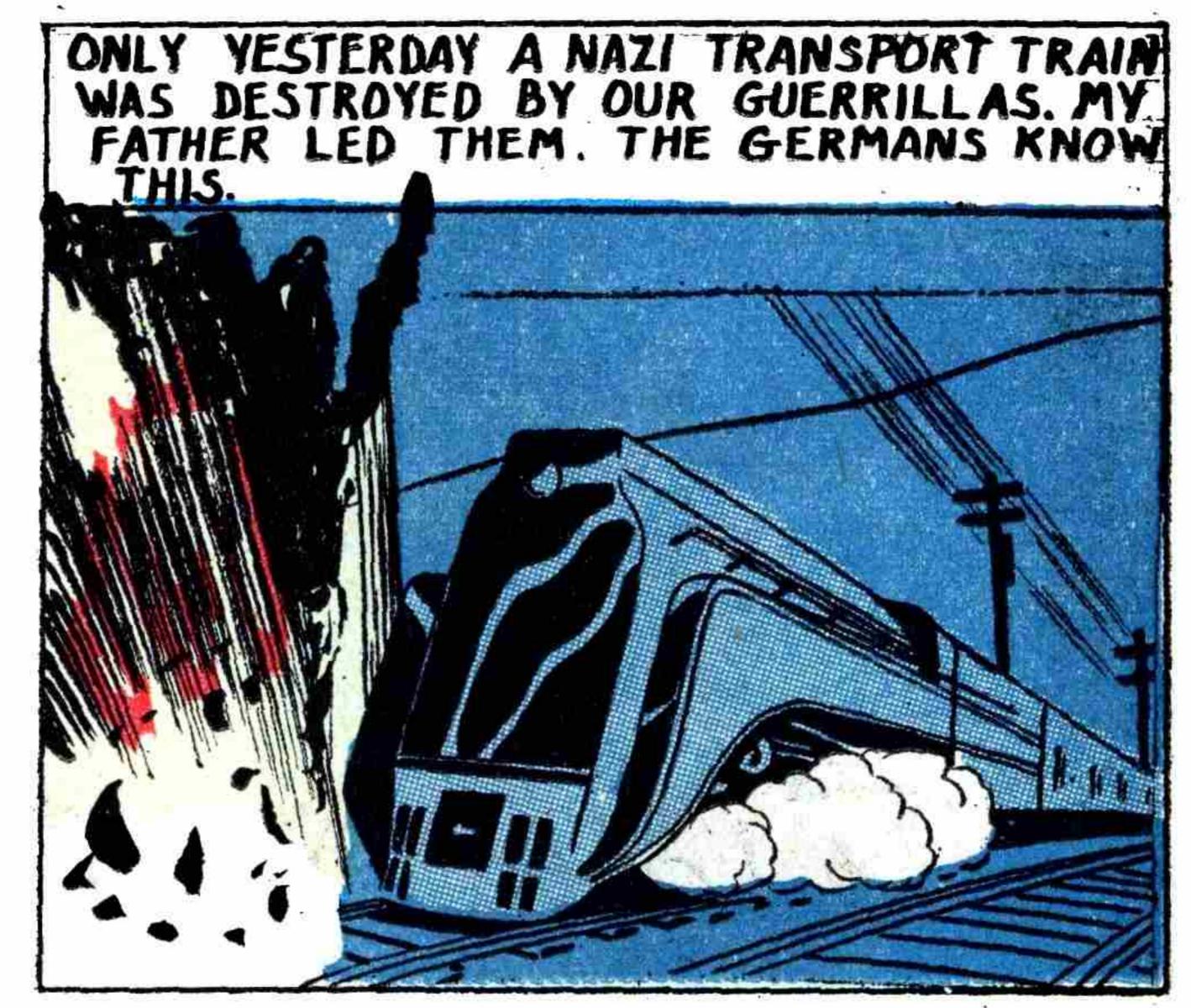


ON MY HANDS AND KNEES, I STOLE UP TO A HUT AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE AND LOOKED INTO A WINDOW-



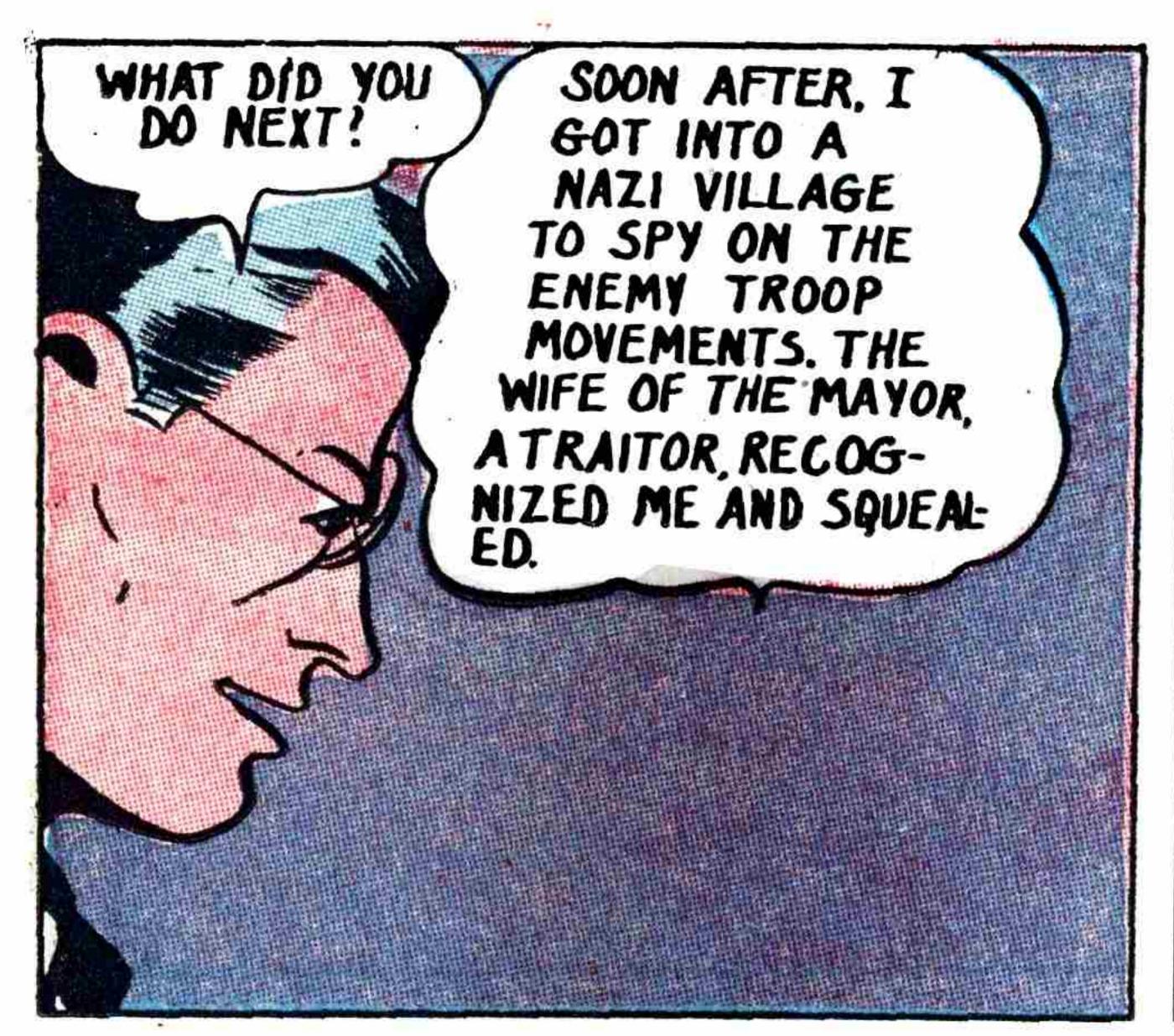












THE GERMANS CAPTURED ME, BEAT ME AND LOCKED ME UP THEY OLD NOT KILL ME BECAUSE THEY FIRST WANTED TO PULL. INFORMATION OUT OF ME ABOUT THE GUERRILLAS.



ONE NIGHT WHEN THE NAZI OFFICERS IN THE NEXT ROOM WERE HAVING A DRUNKEN PARTY, I ESCAPED THROUGH A WINDOW.



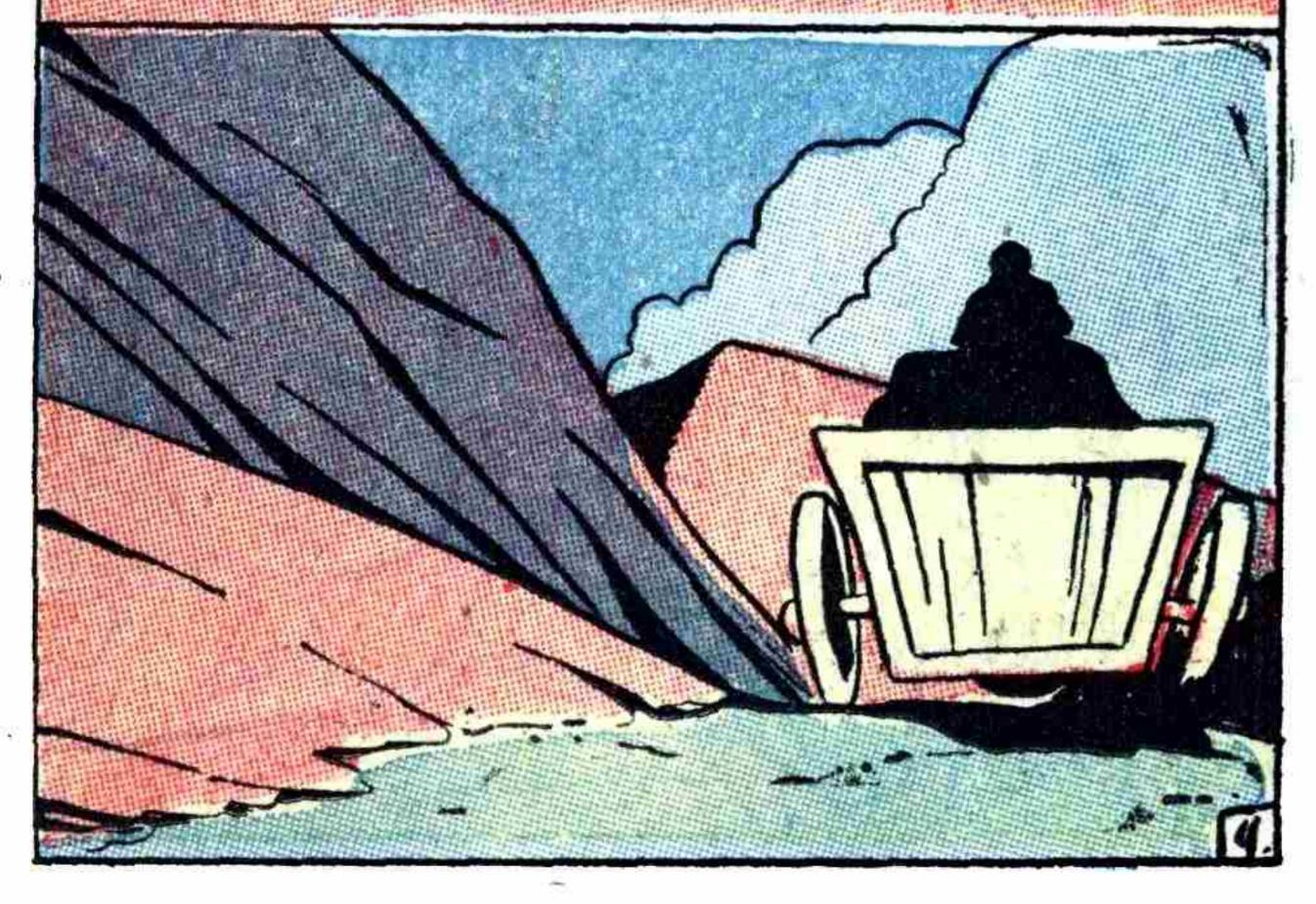
I RAN TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE. A GERMAN SENTRY OPENED FIRE HIS BULLET PIERCED MY L&G. I FELL AND STARTED TO CRAWL IN THE DARK



THE SENTRY WAS AFRAID TO FOLLOW ME. HE KNEW THE GUERRILLAS WERE



THE GUERRILLAS HEARD THE SHOT AND SENT SEVERAL MEN TO LEARN WHAT HAP PENED THEY FOUND ME UNCONSCIOUS AND CARRIED ME BACK IN A WOODEN CART.



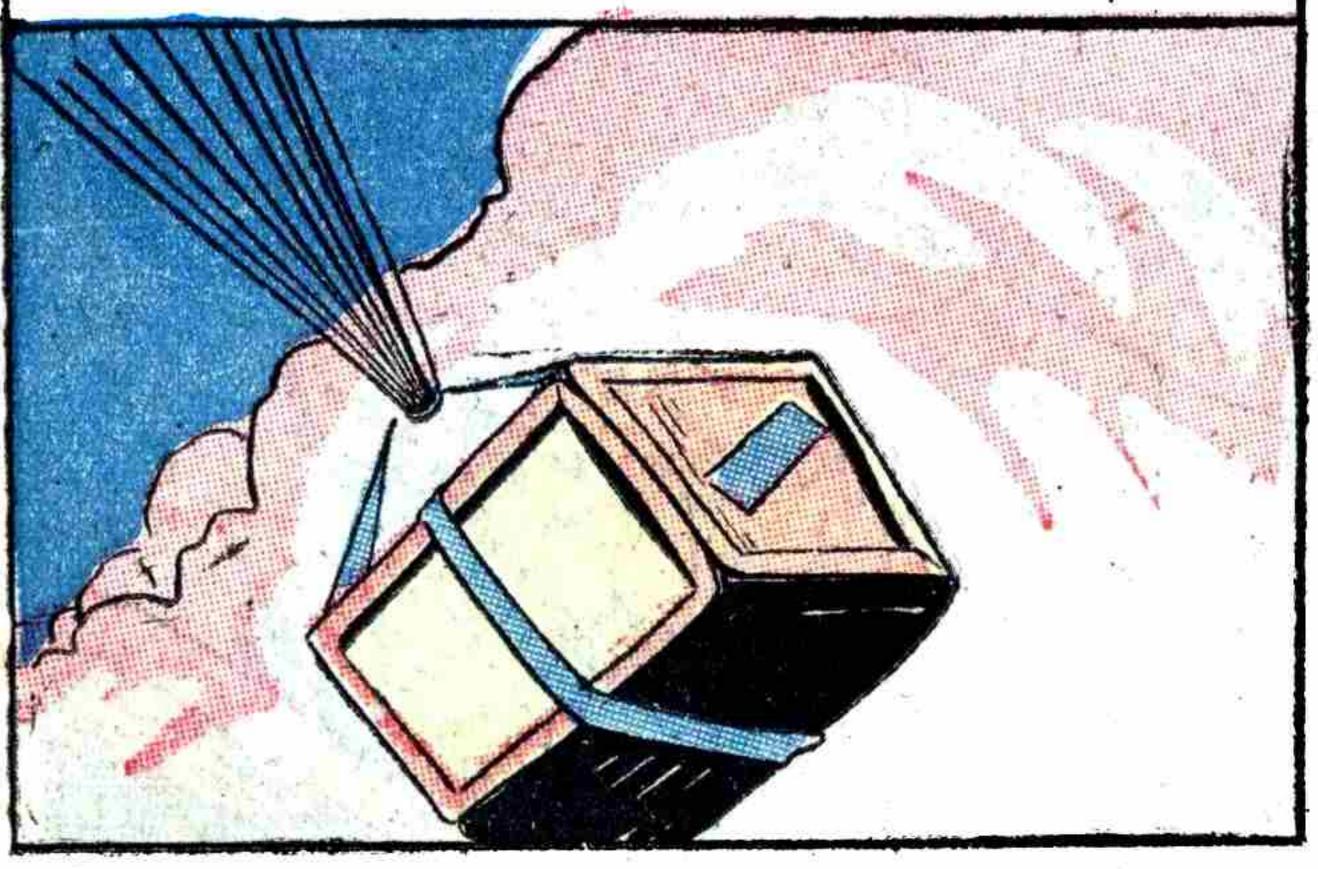
FOR SIX MONTHS, WHILE WOUNDED, I SCOUTED AROUND THE WOODEN CART.



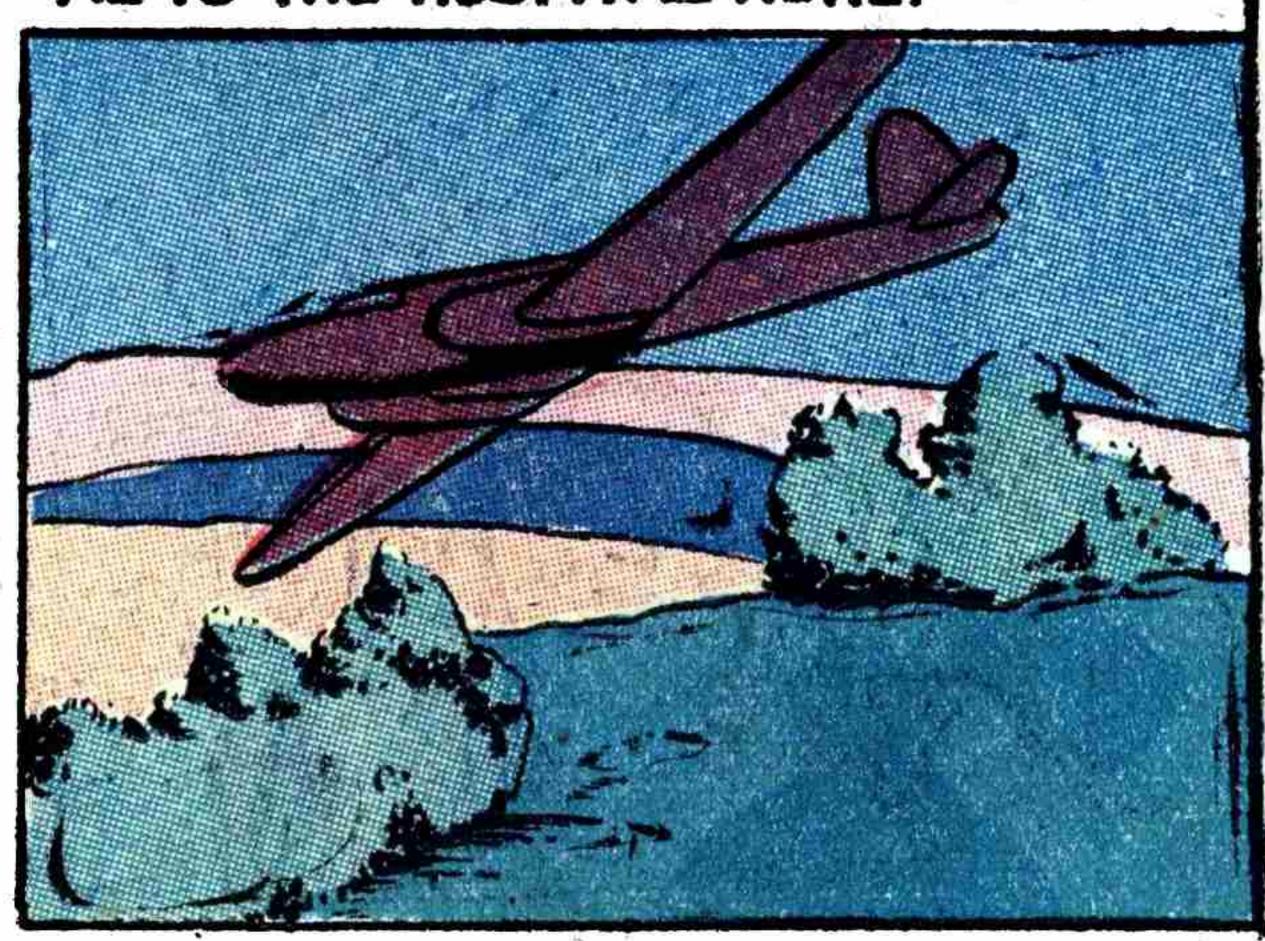
FINALLY RUSSIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS FOUND OUR LOCATION AND SENT A PLANE.



THE PLANE DROPPED AMMUNITION, FOOD, MEDIGINE AND GLOTHING MANY OF THE TINS OF CANNED MEAT, BLANKETS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES HAD GOME ALL THE WAY FROM AMERICA SENT BY RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF.



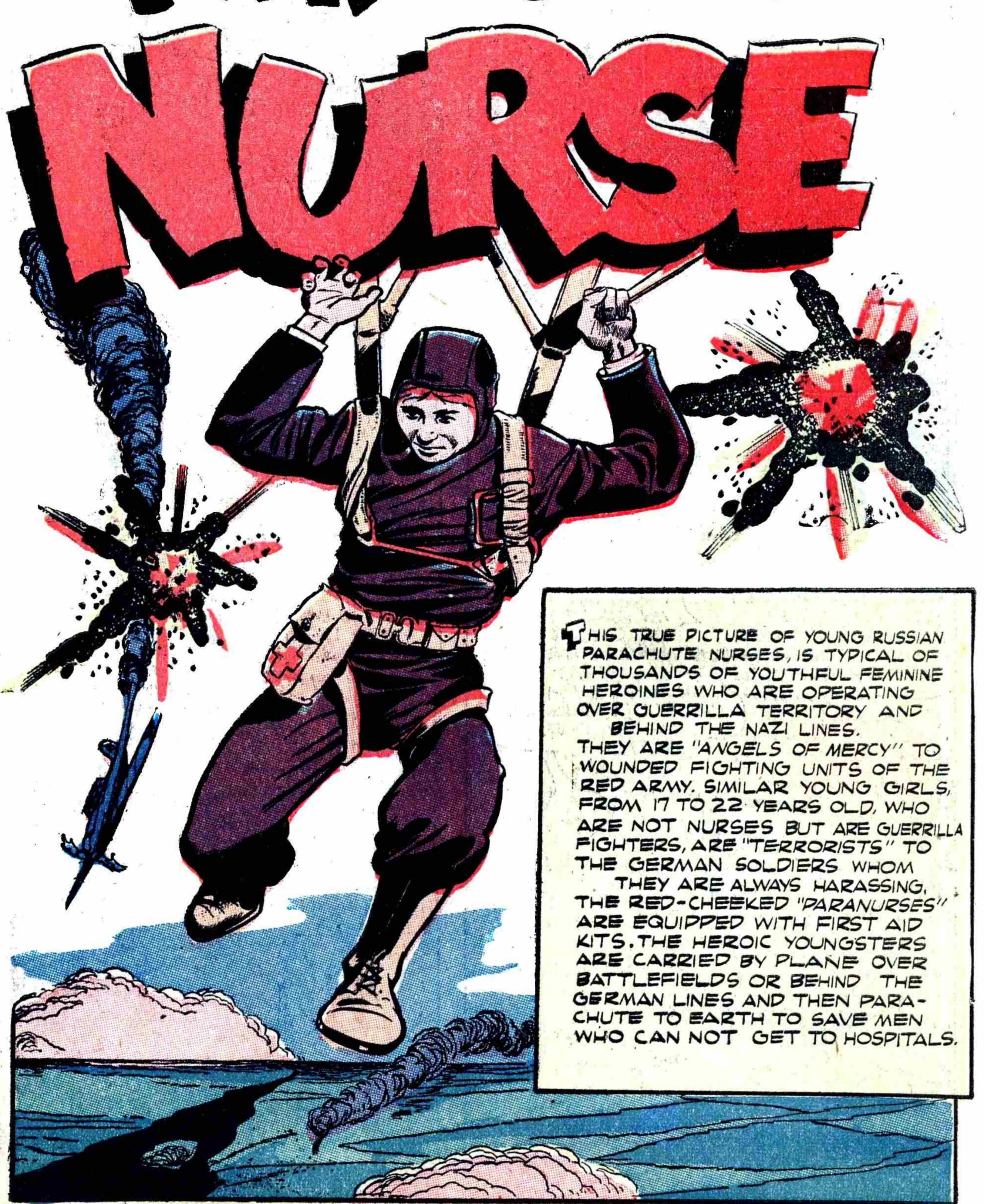
AFTER MY STRENGTH WAS BUILT UP, A SOVIET AMBULANCE PLANE LANDED IN OUR FOREST CLEARING, IT FLEW ME TO THE HOSPITAL HERE.

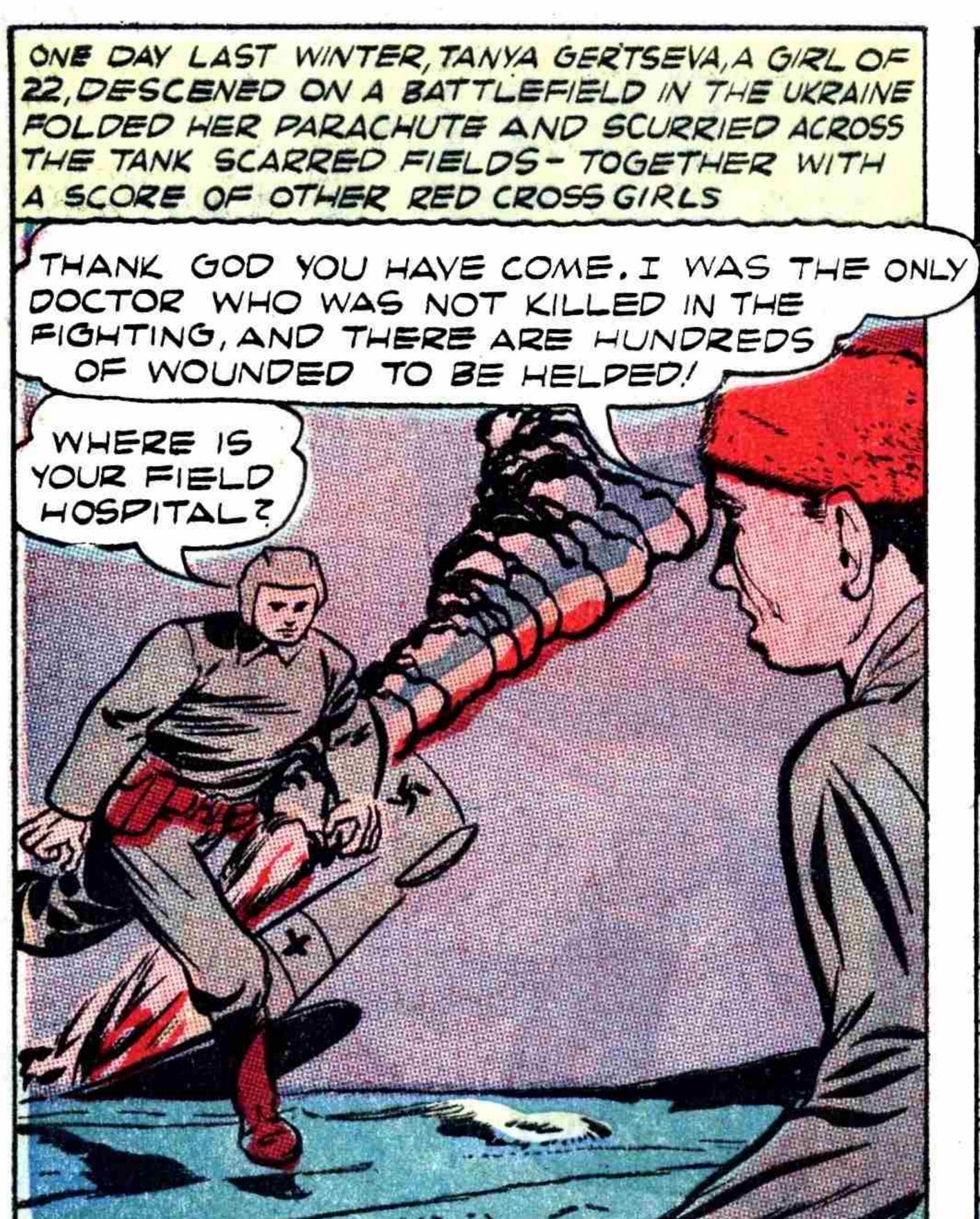










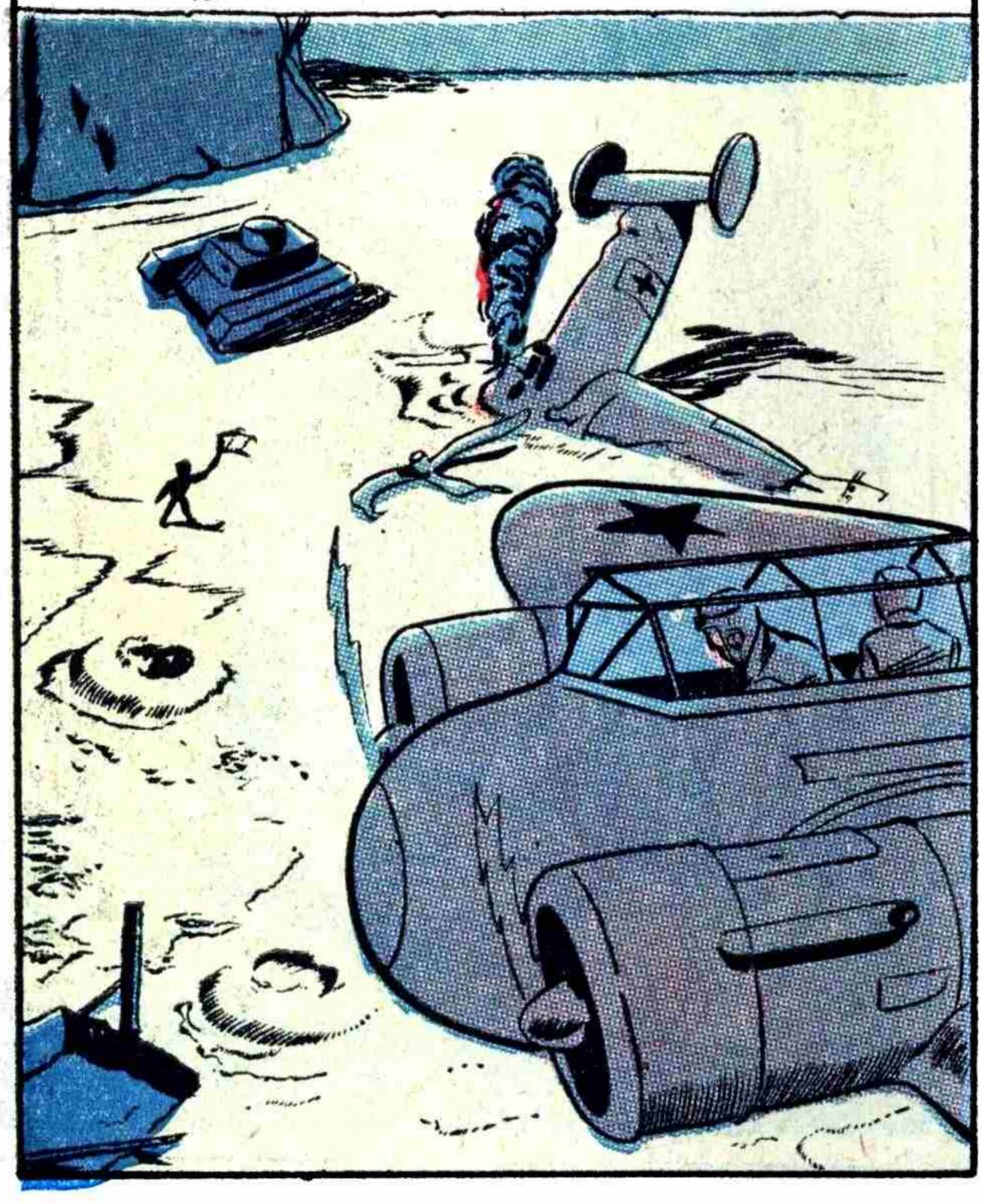


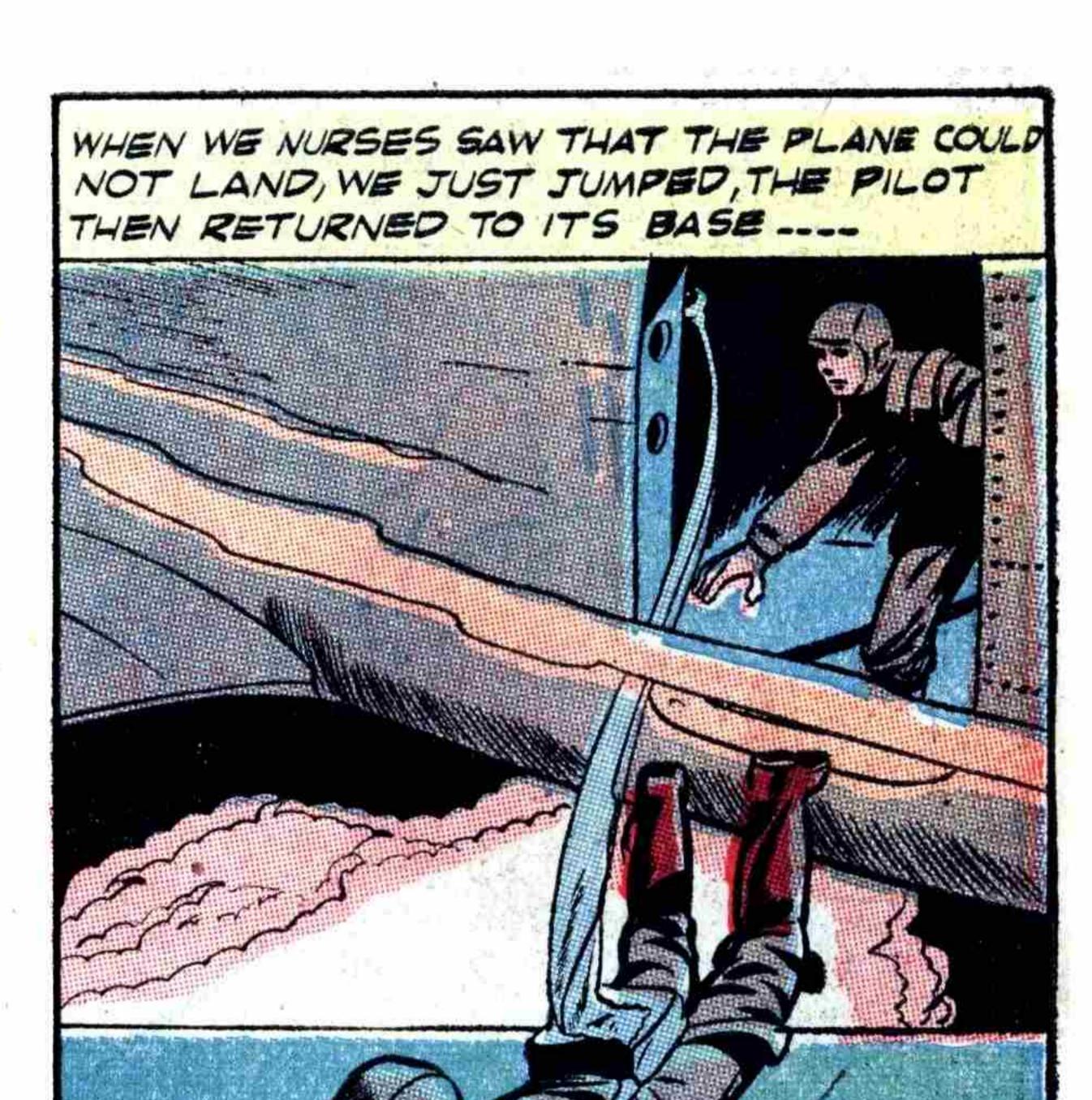






YES, WE COULD SEE THE TERRIBLE DIS-ORDER AS OUR PLANE CIRCLED YOUR FIELD AND AS YOU SIGNALED TO US!





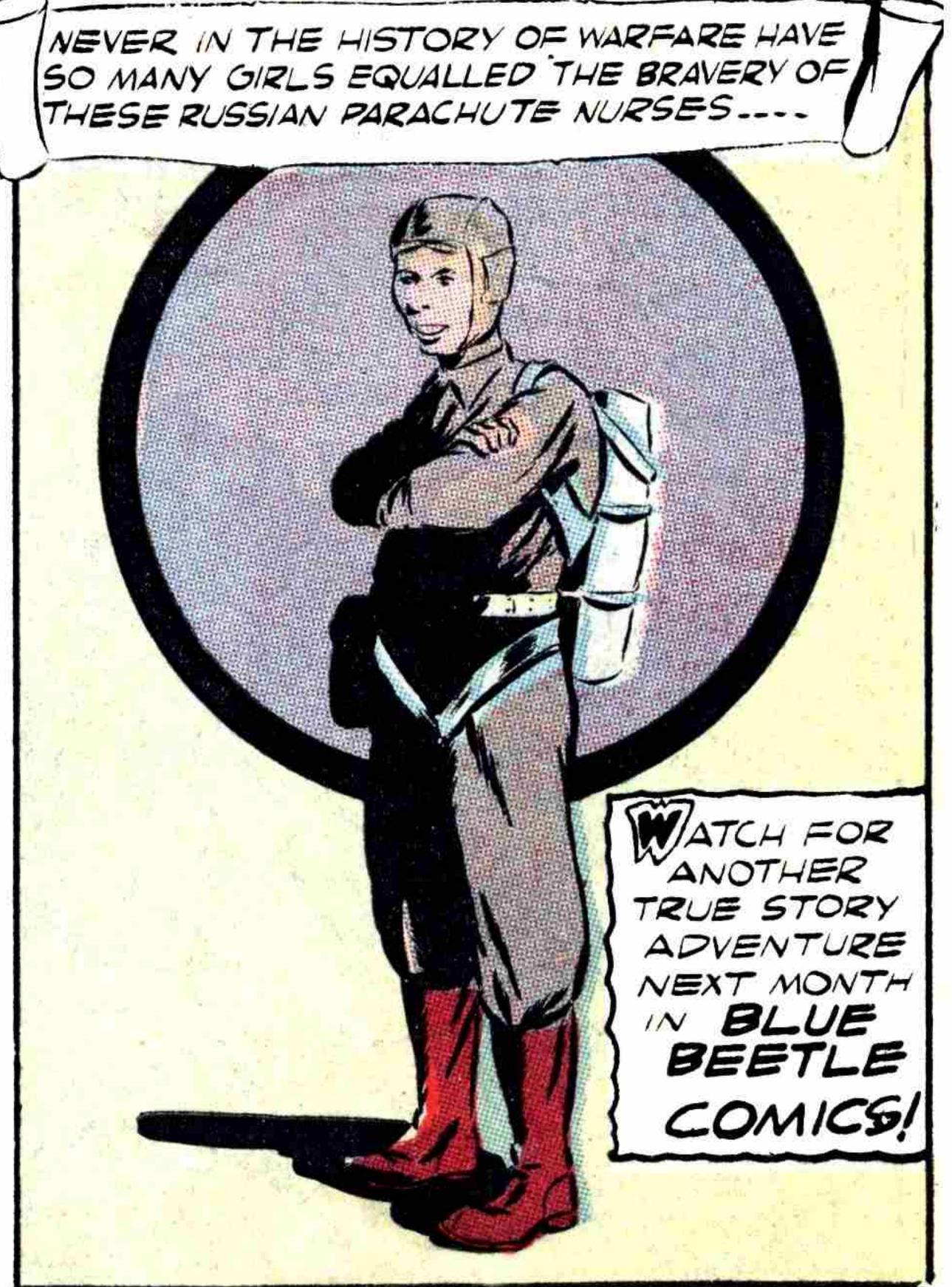






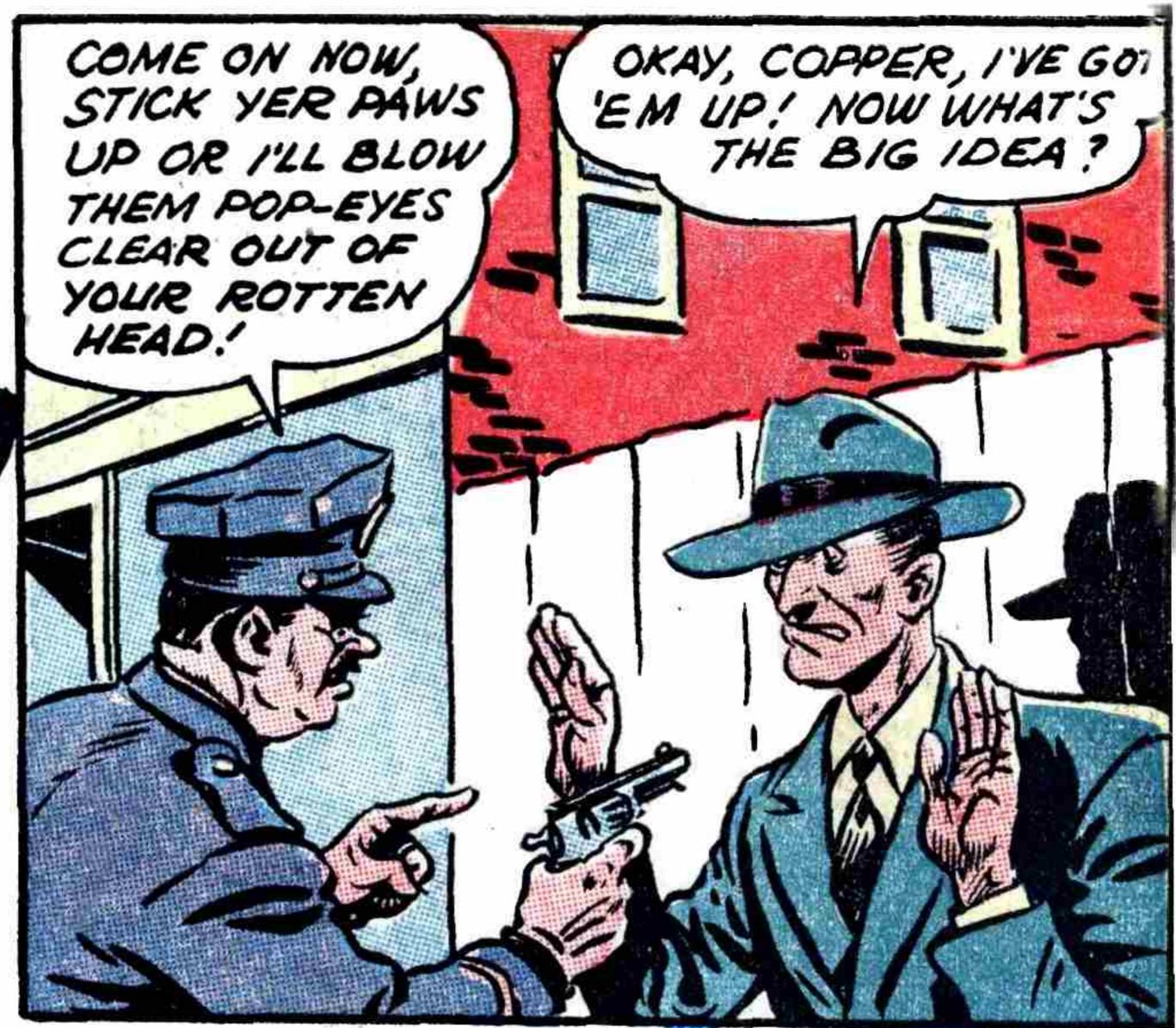








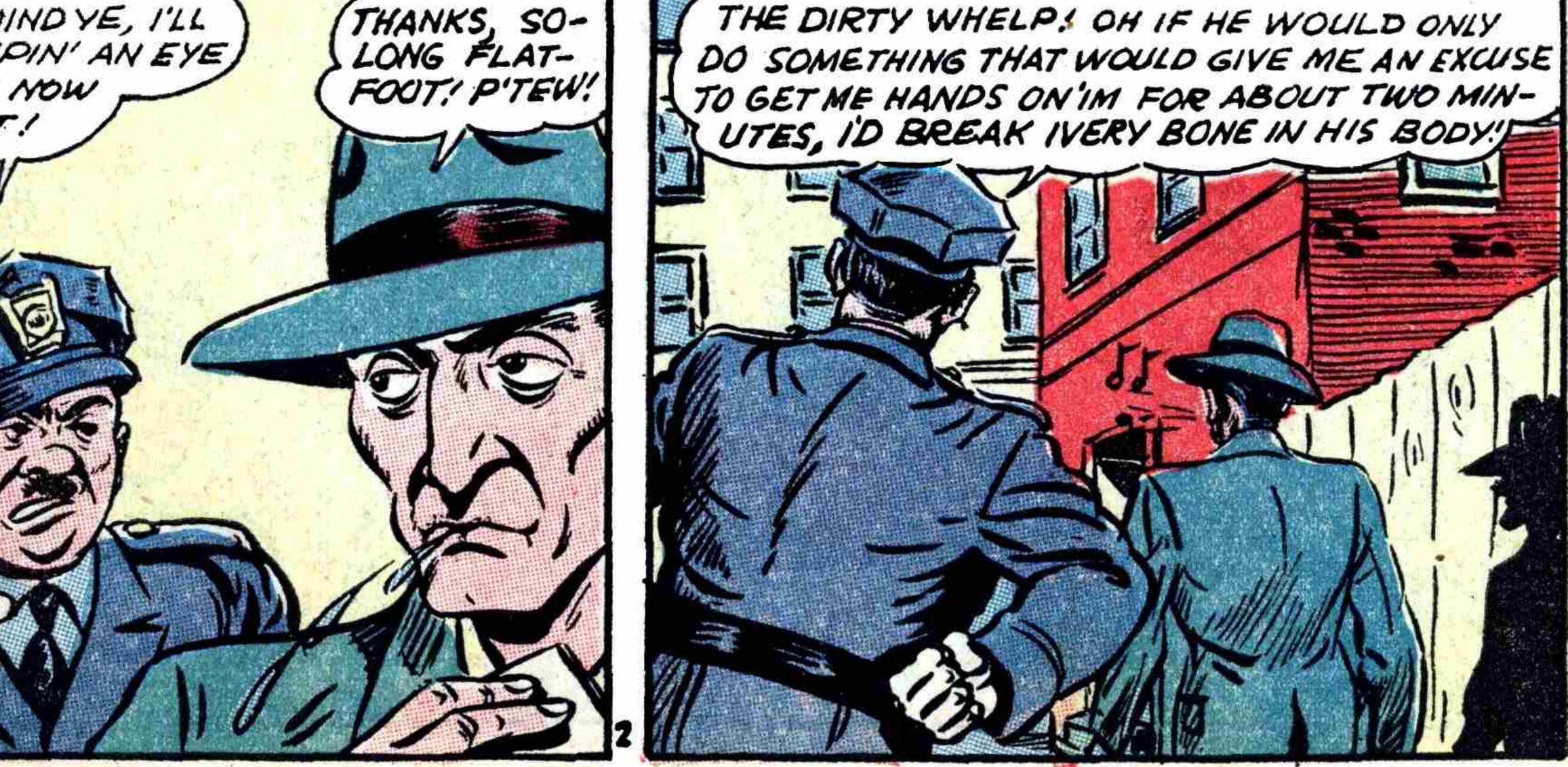


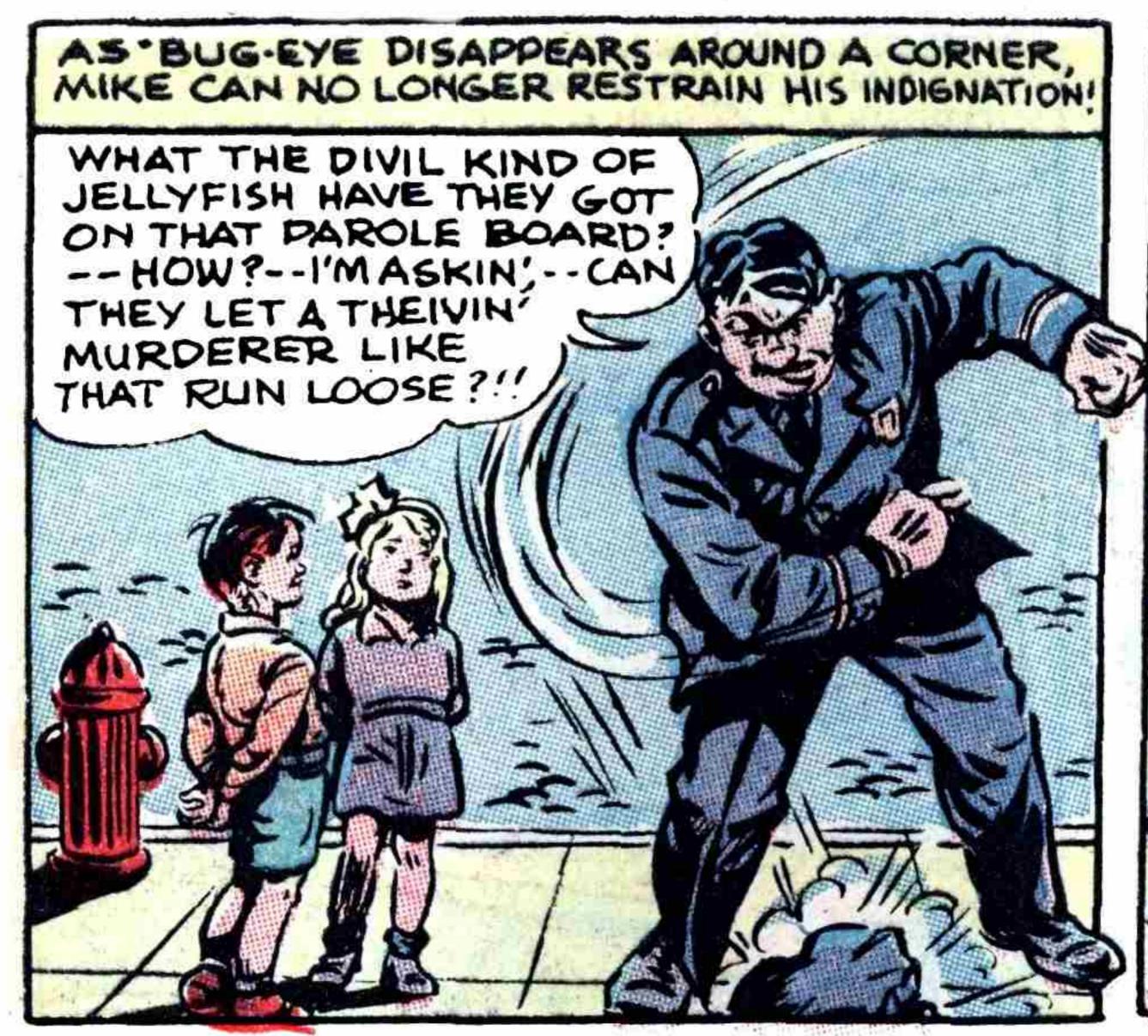




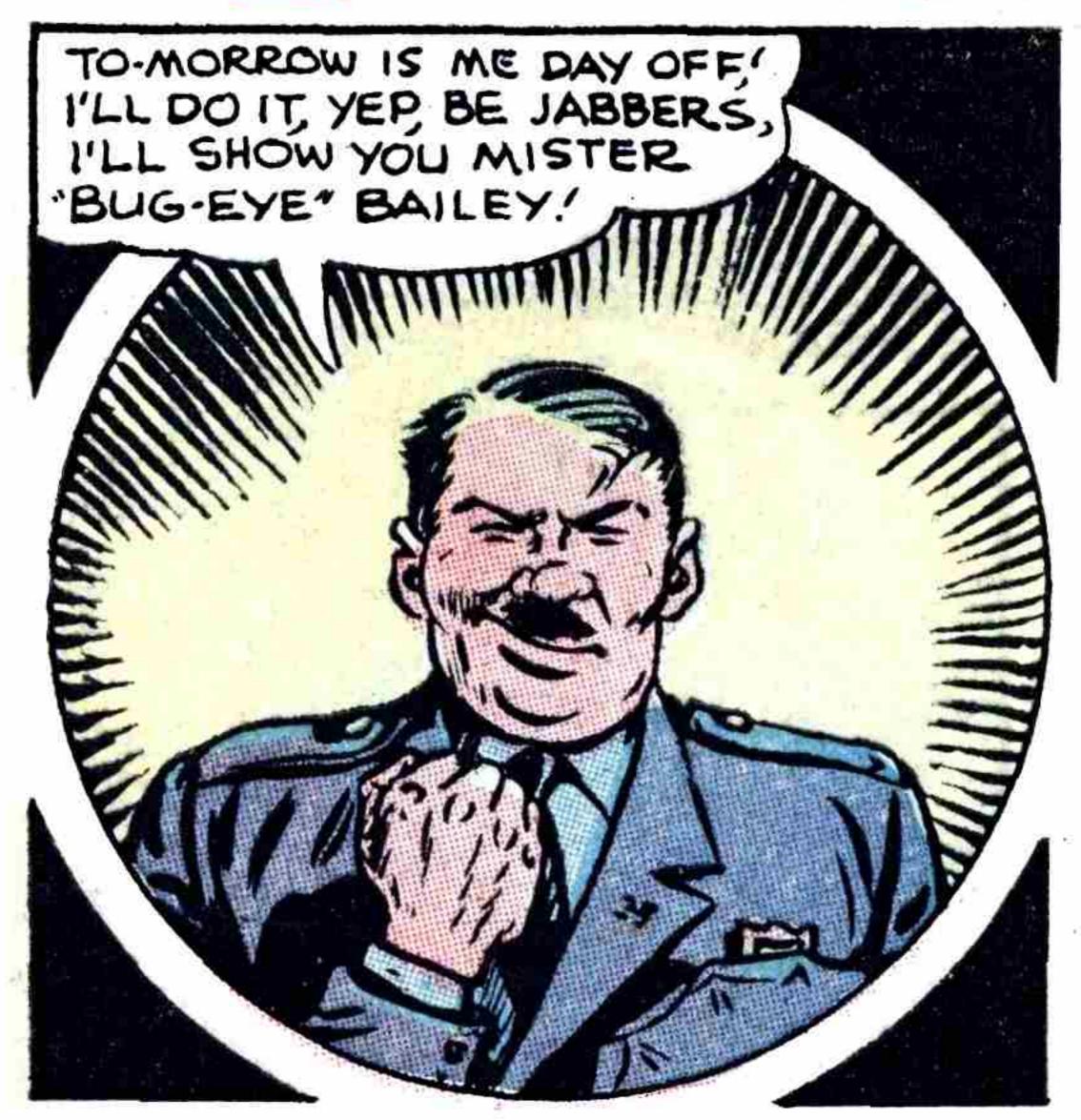


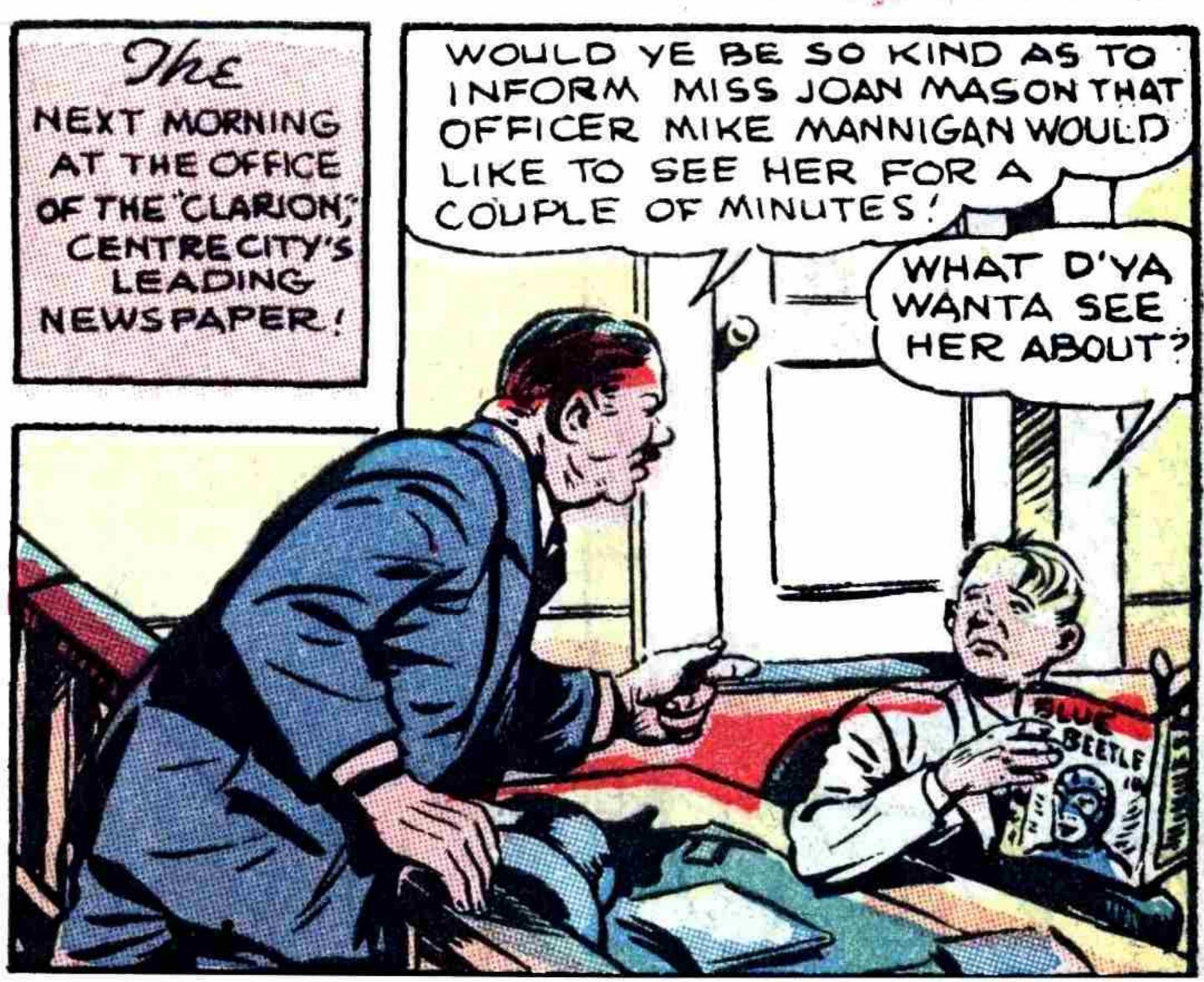




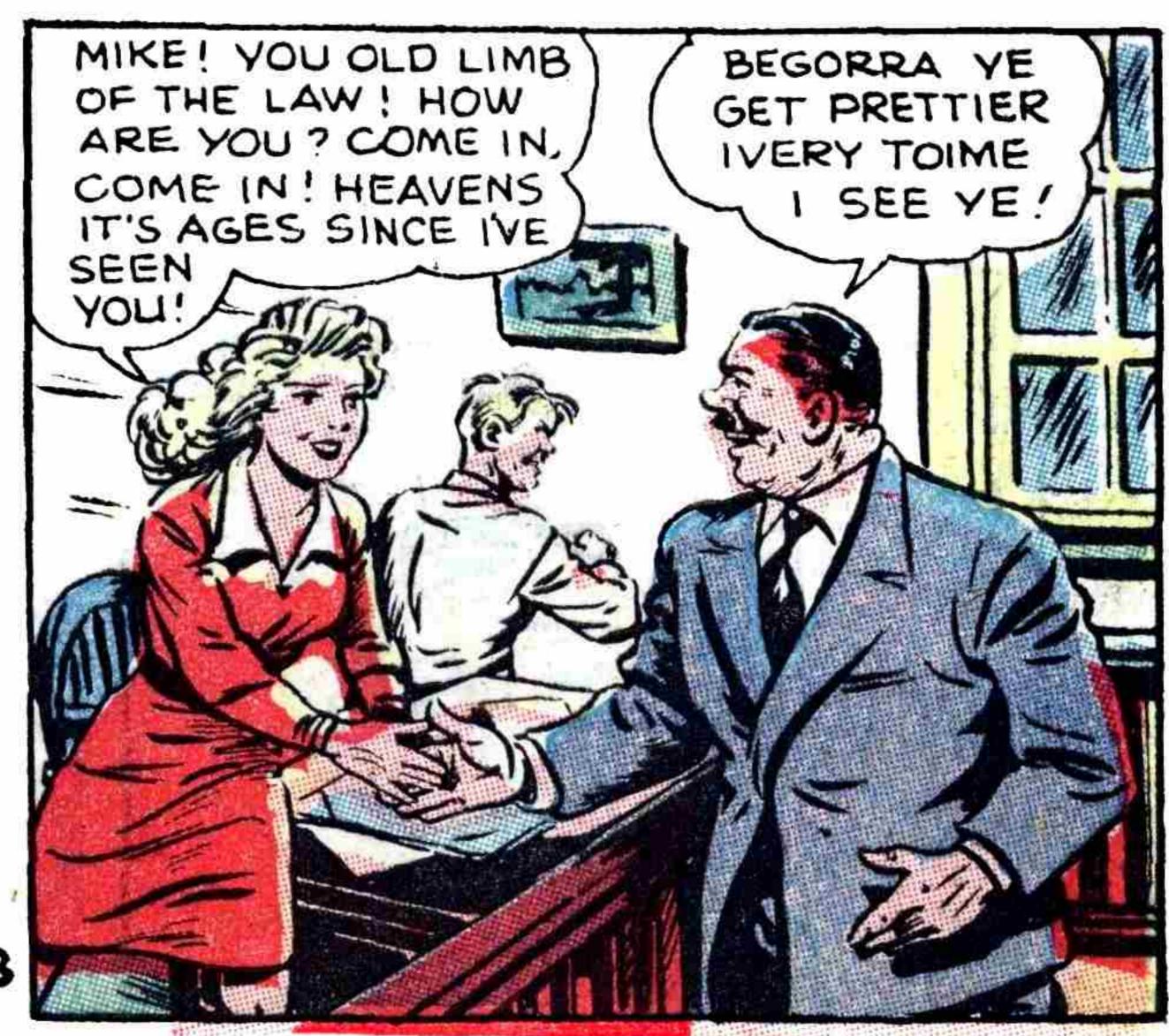
























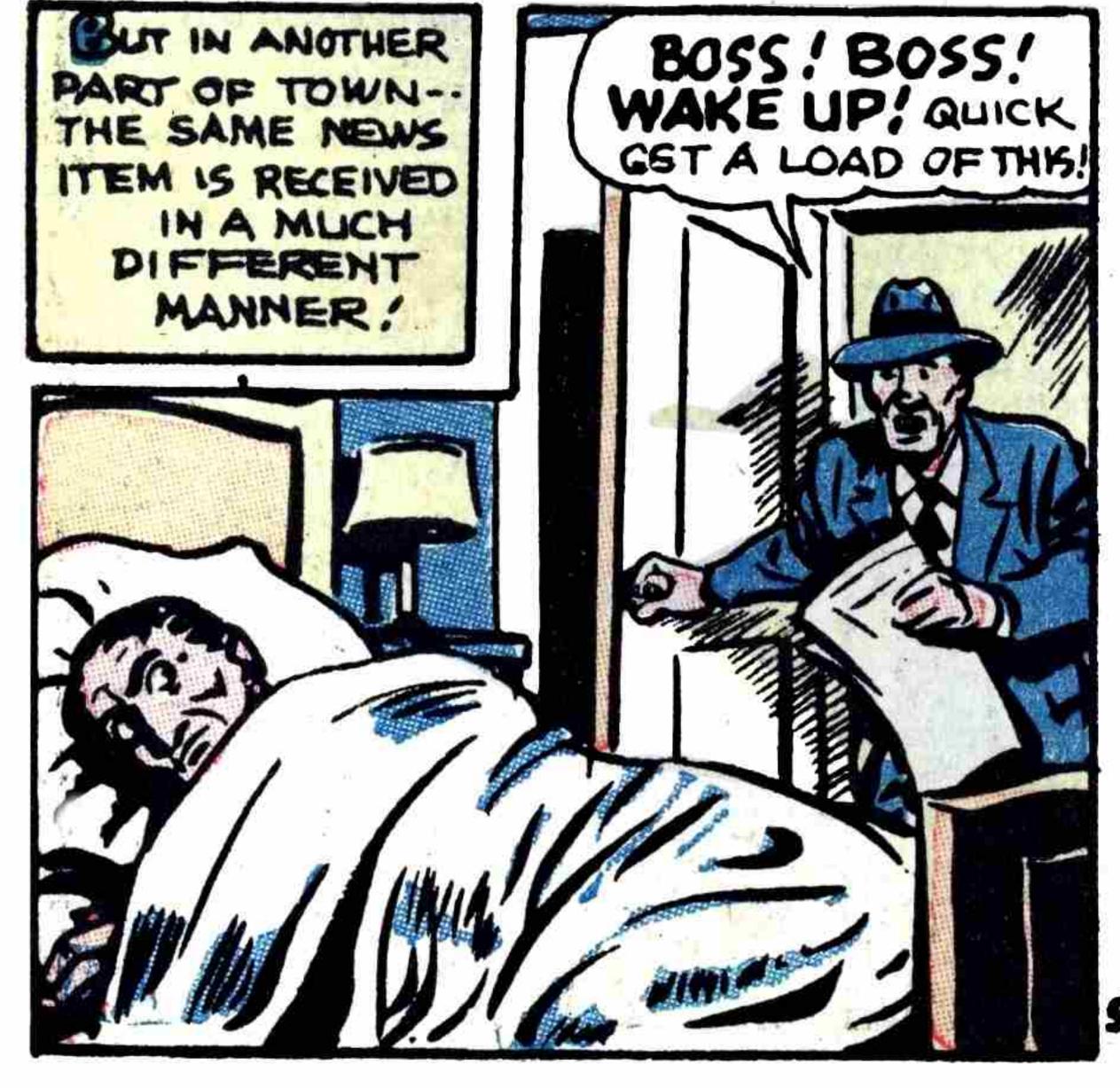




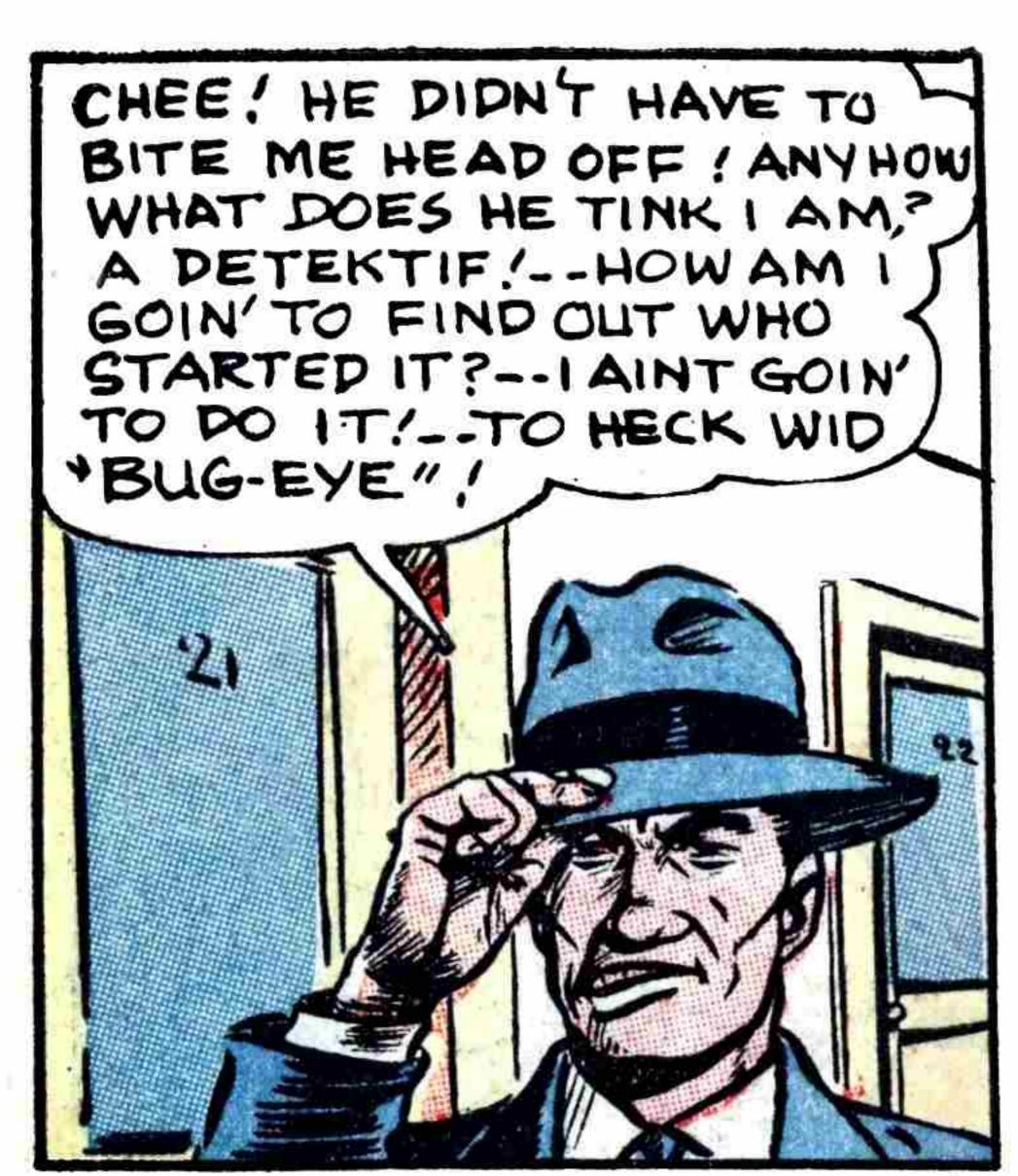


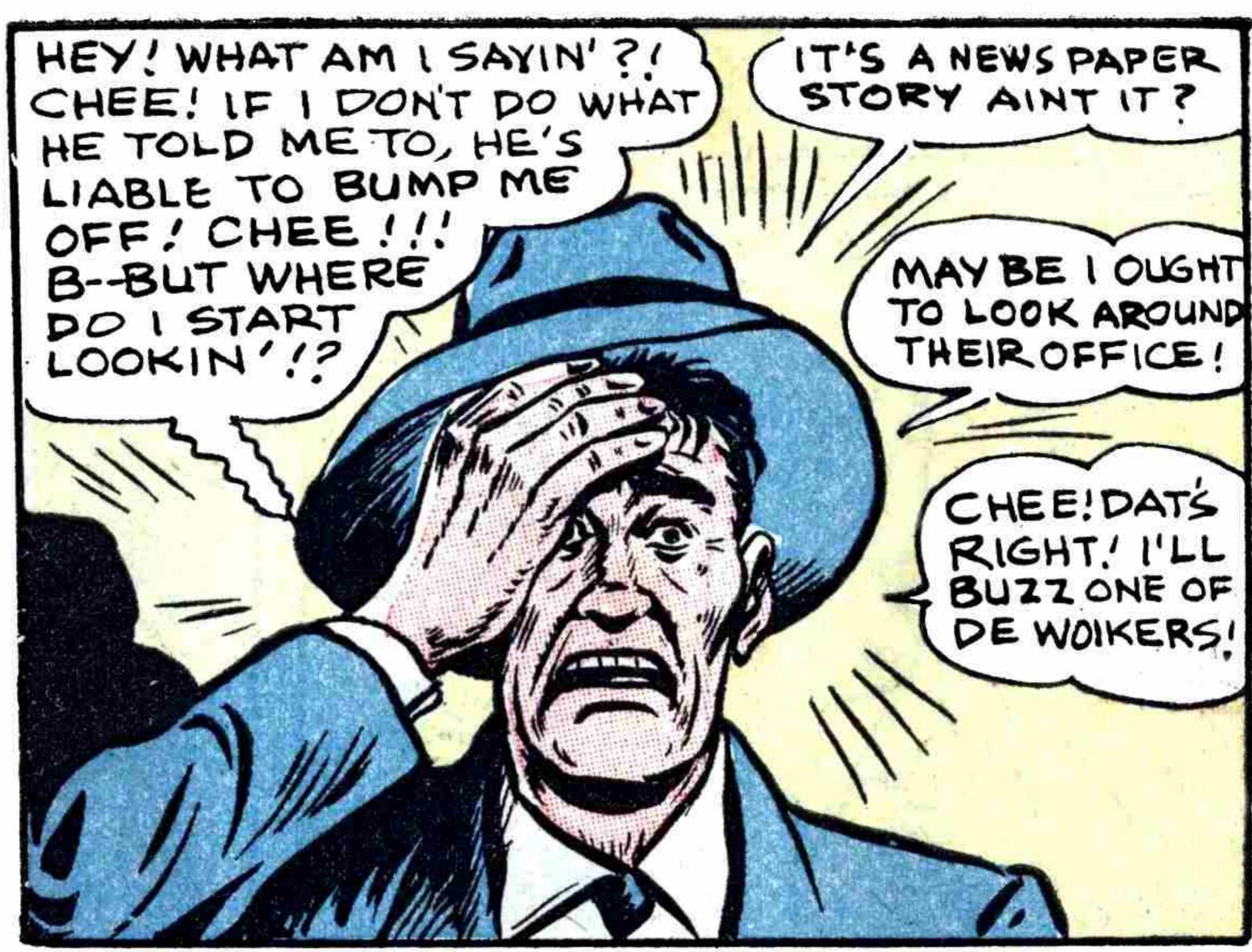






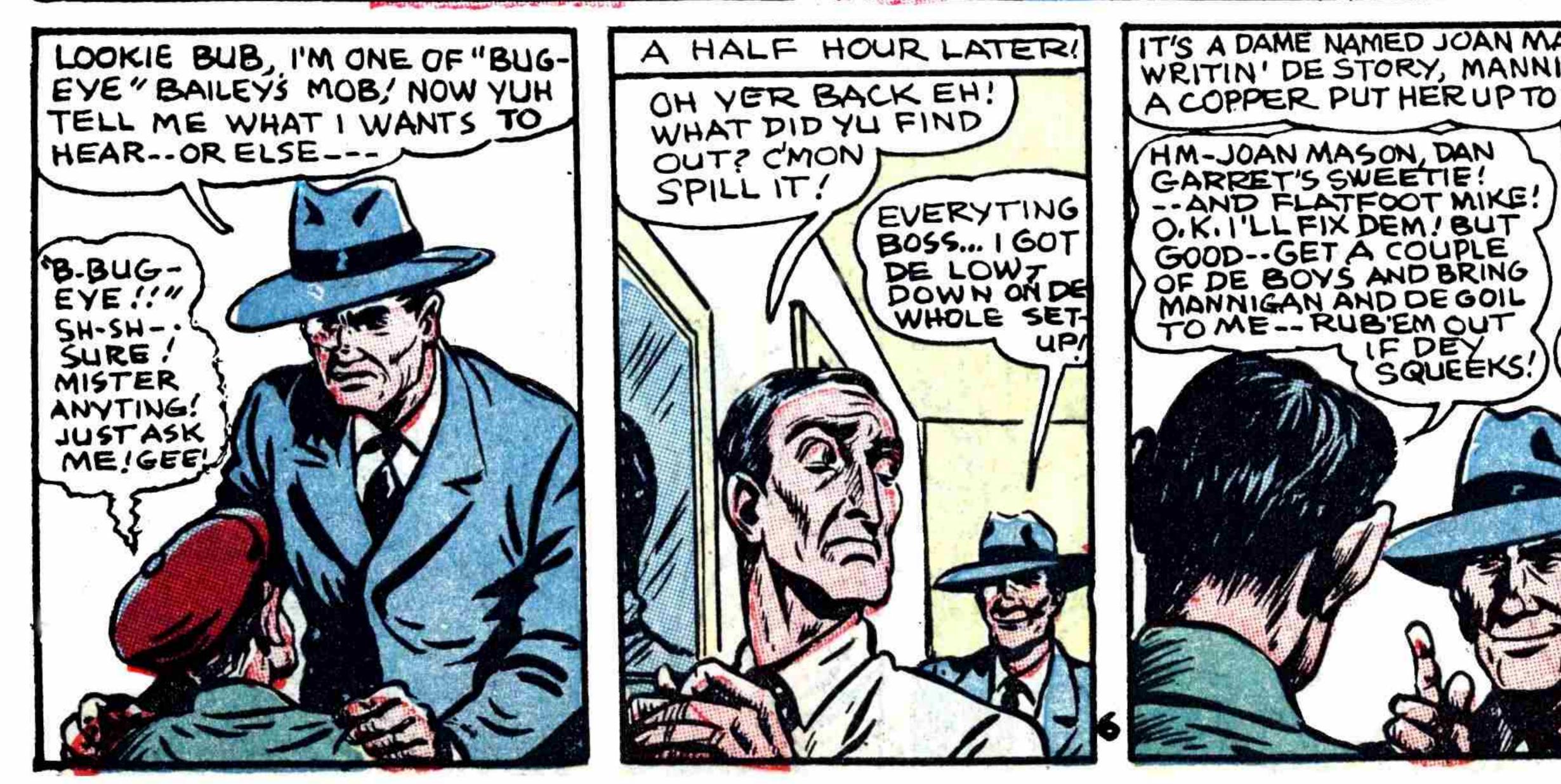






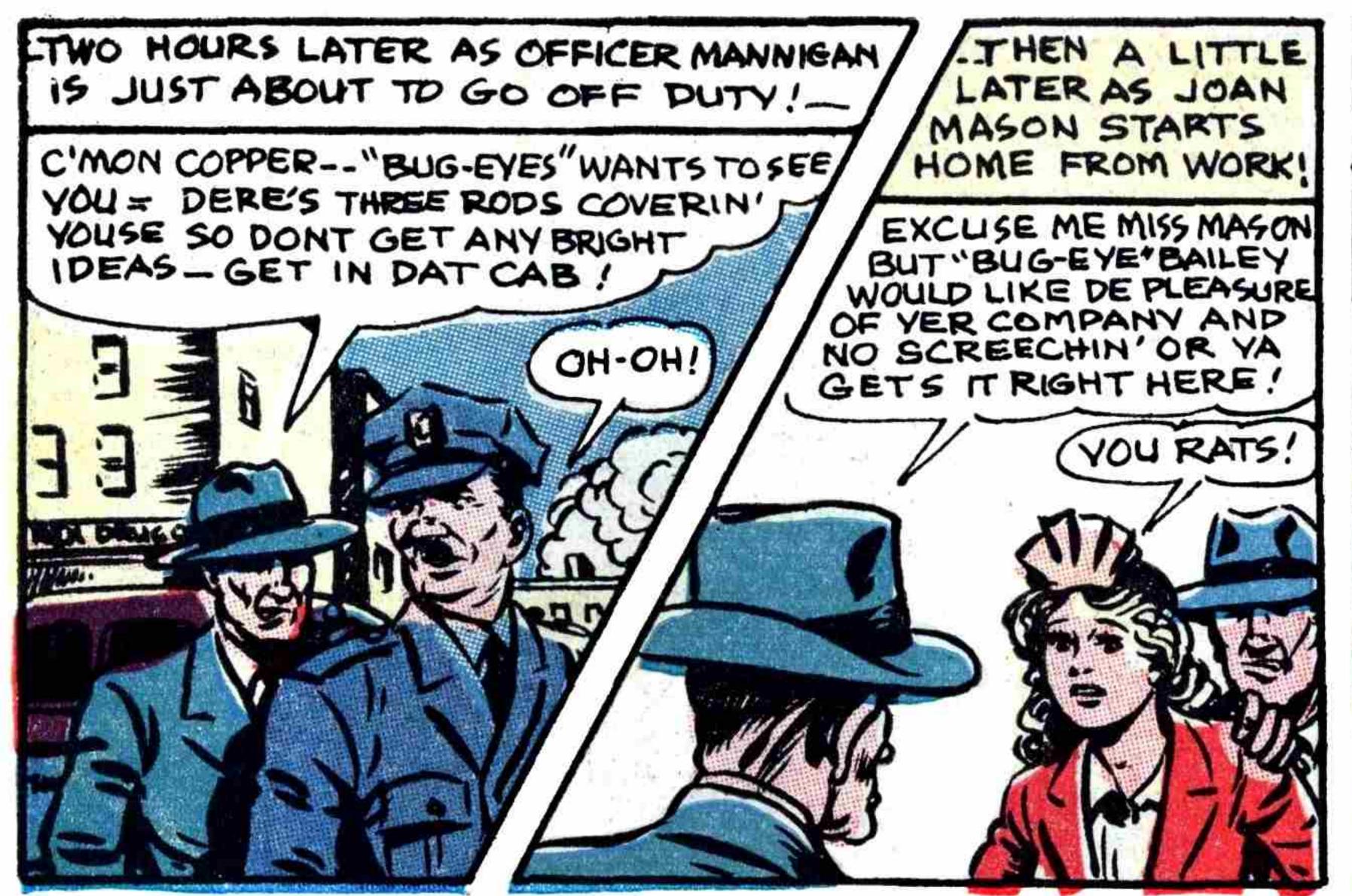


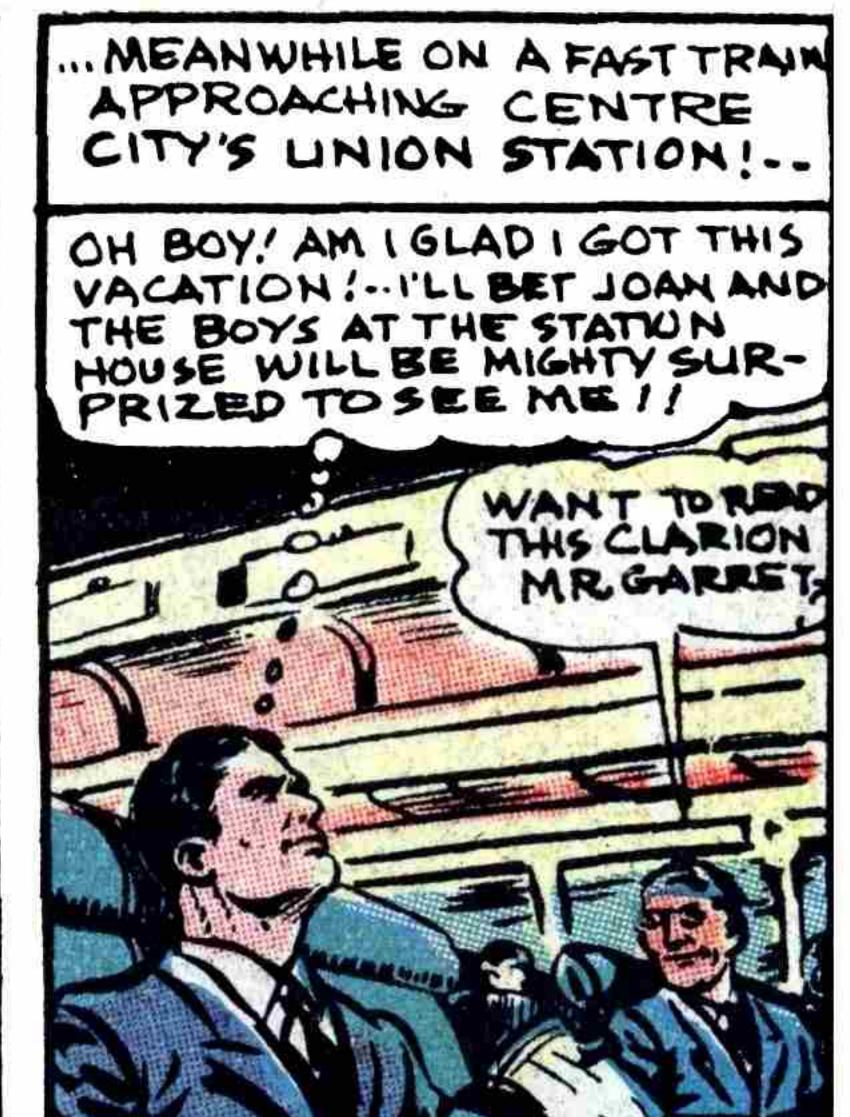














THE BLUE BEETLE) SCANS
THE HEADLINES !!--

WHAT'S THIS? BUG-EYE"
BAILEY RELEASED ON
PAROLE! CLARION REPORTER DEMANDS INQUIRY
INTO LAXITY OF MEMBERS
OF PAROLE BOARD!



LEAVING THE TRAIN, DAN HURRIES AT ONCE TO HIS FORMER POLICE PRECINCT!

CANT FIGURE IT OUT
DAN, MIKE WAS SUPPOSED
TO COME IN OFF DUTY
THREE HOURS AGO
THE MAN WHO RELIEVED
HIM SAID HE COULDN'T
FIND HIM ANYWHERE
ON THE BEAT!

DOWNER HOUSE



NO DAN, JOAN DIDN'T COME HOME VET! THIS IS HER MOTHER, I'M WORRIED ABOUTHER, SHE'S OVER TWO HOURS LATE ALREADY!



MEANWHILE AT "BUG-EYE'S" ROOM!

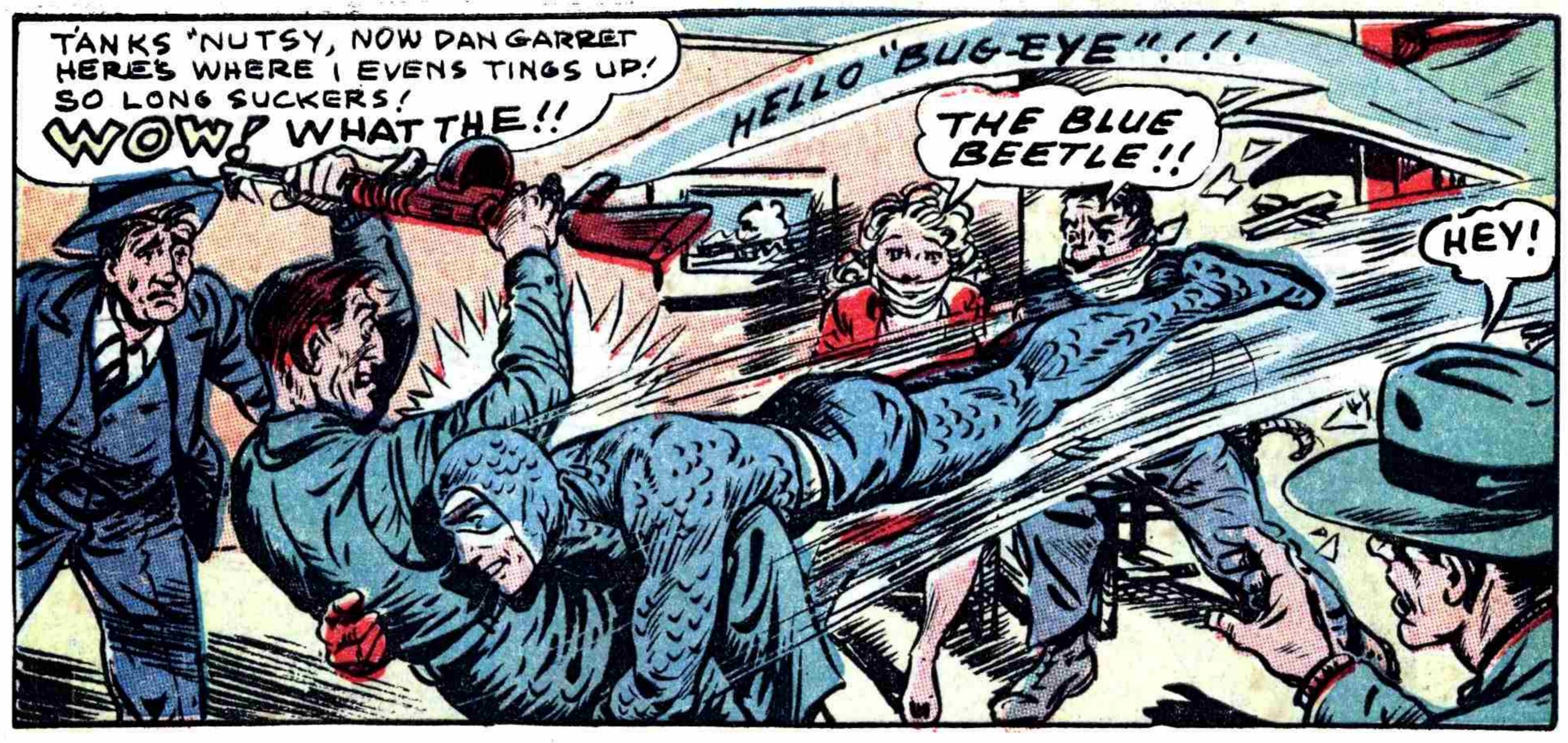
SO YOU WAS GOIN' TO GET ME SENT BACK TO DE BIG HOUSE, EH! YA KNEW I SWORE TO GET EVEN WID DAN GARRETT AND YA WANT TO PREVENT ITEM BUT I'M GETTIN' EVEN ANYHOW BY KILLIN' YOU NOW! NUTSY! GET ME DE WOOD-PECKER!

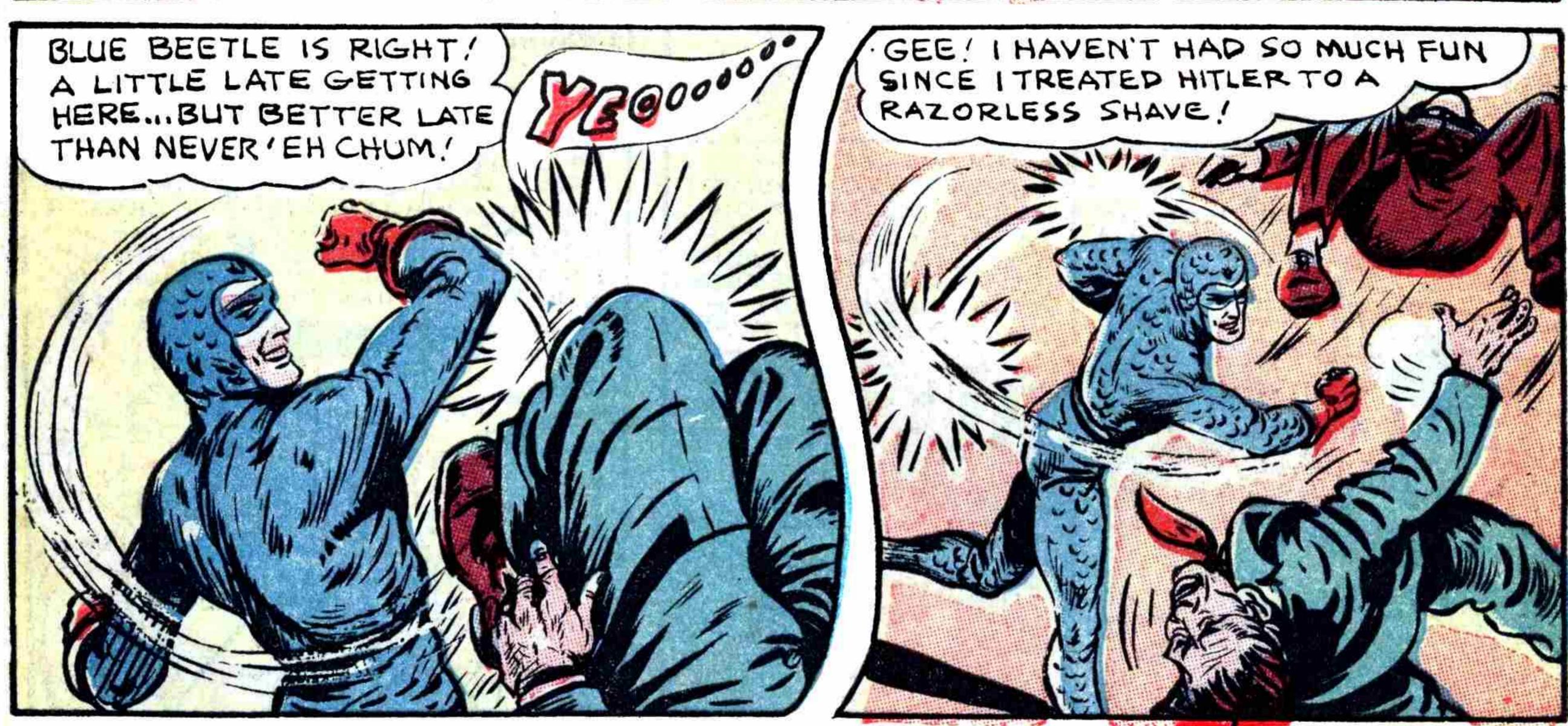


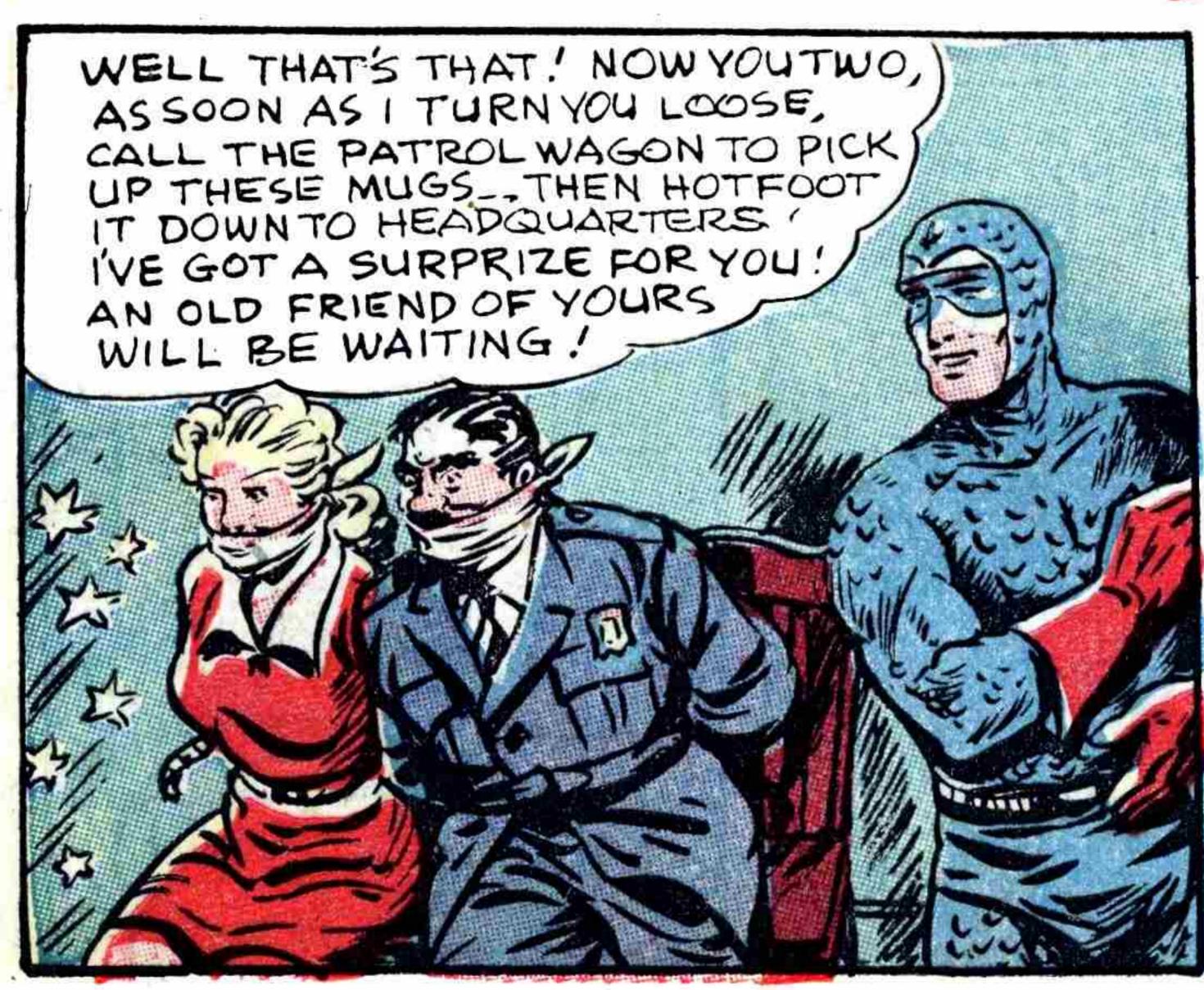
AS JOAN AND MIKE PREPARE FOR THE WORST... DAN SUDDENLY APPEARS ON A ROOF DIRECTLY OPPOSITE FROM THE GANGSTER'S ROOM!

HE'S GOT THEM! GOOD THING I FIGURED HE'D BE LIVING AT THE SAME PLACE HE USED TO!







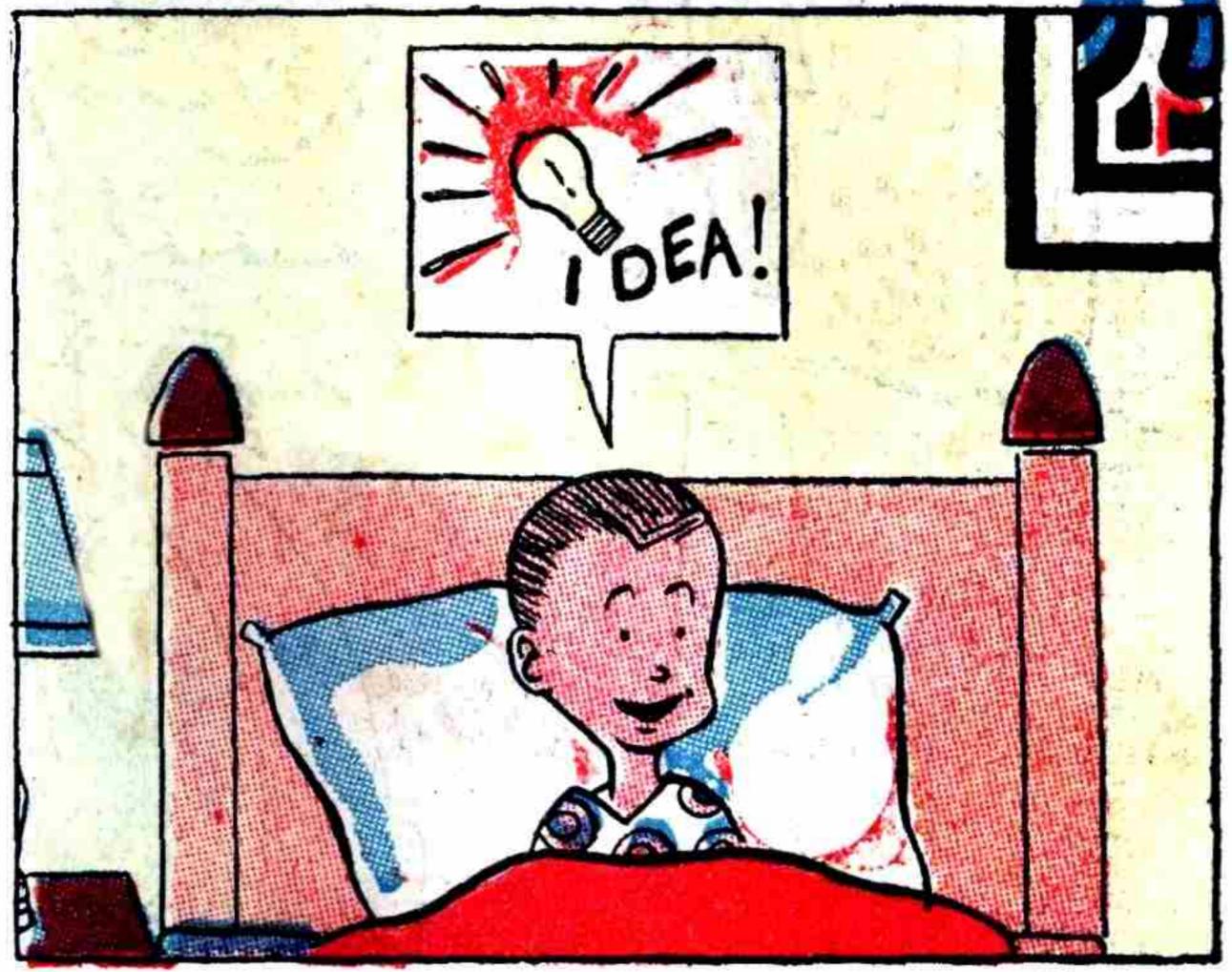


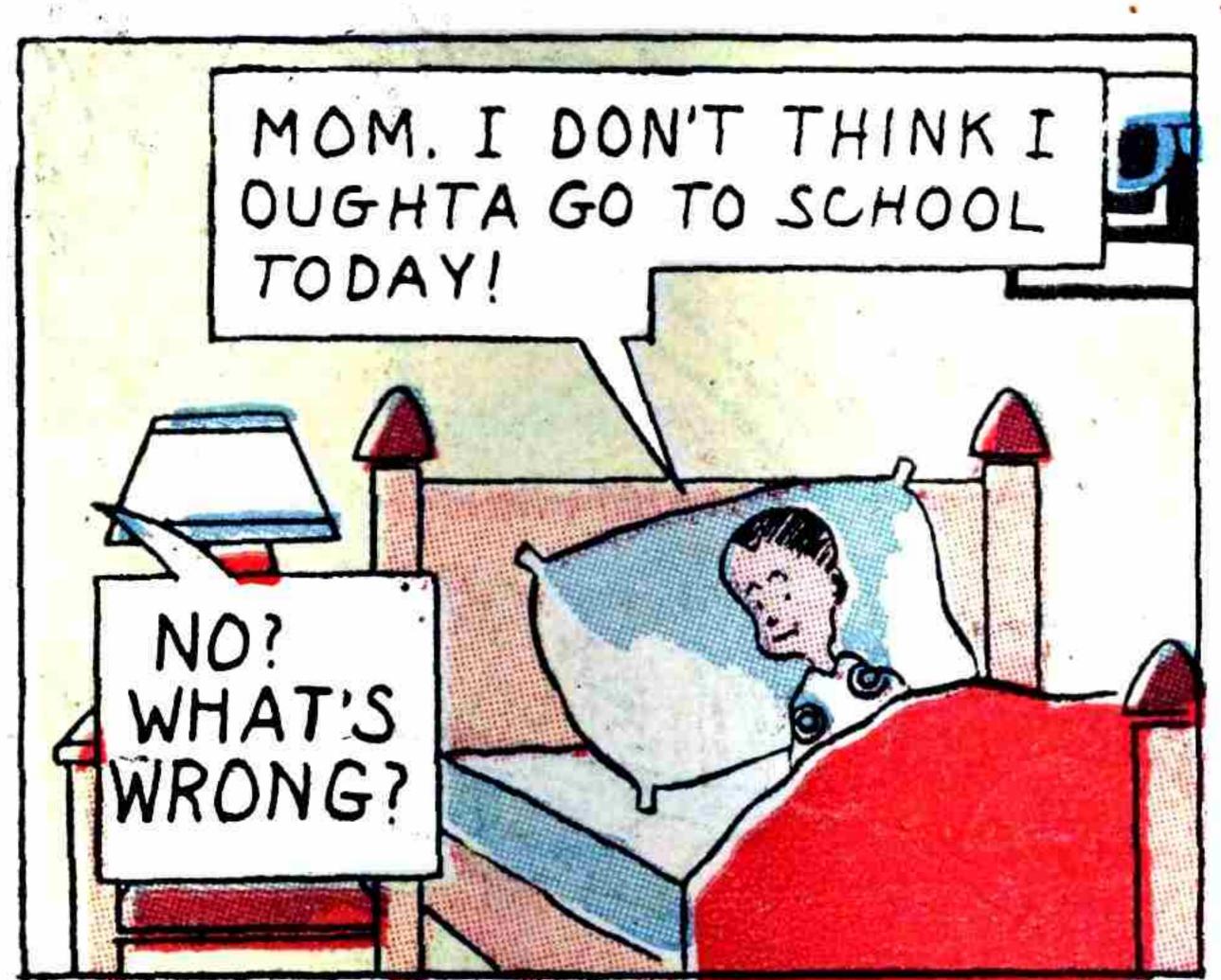


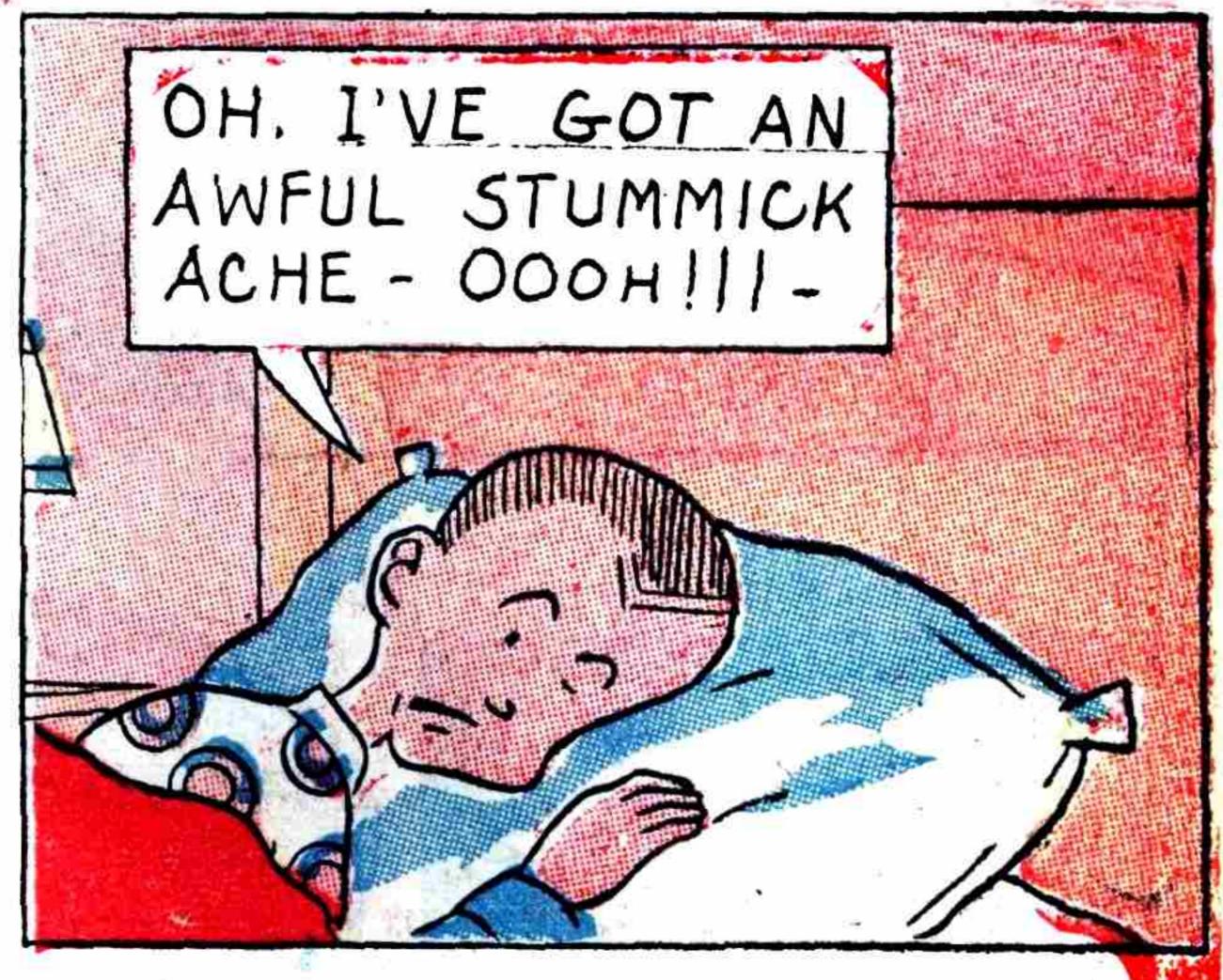
YOUNT BUILD COMPONES THAT YES



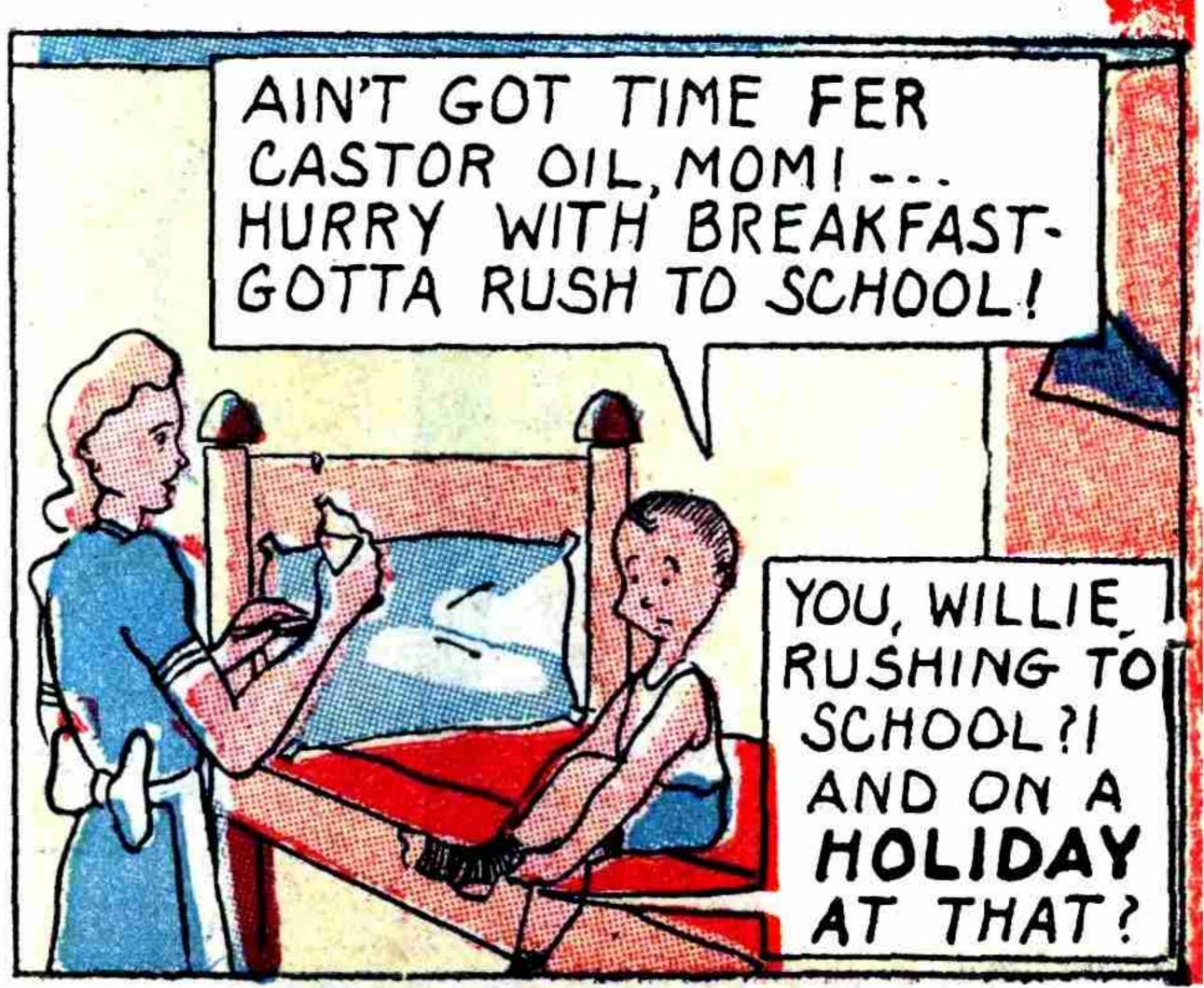


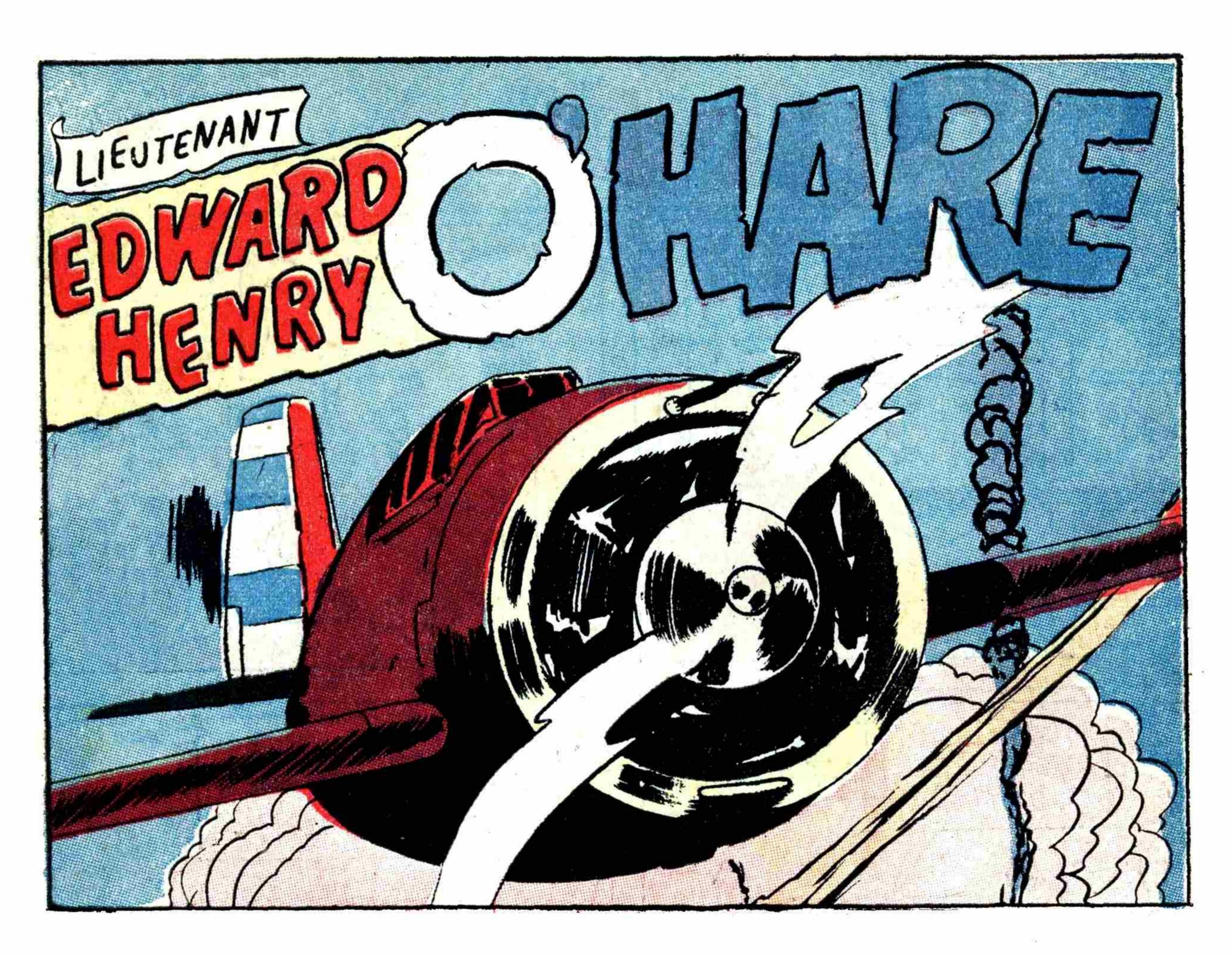




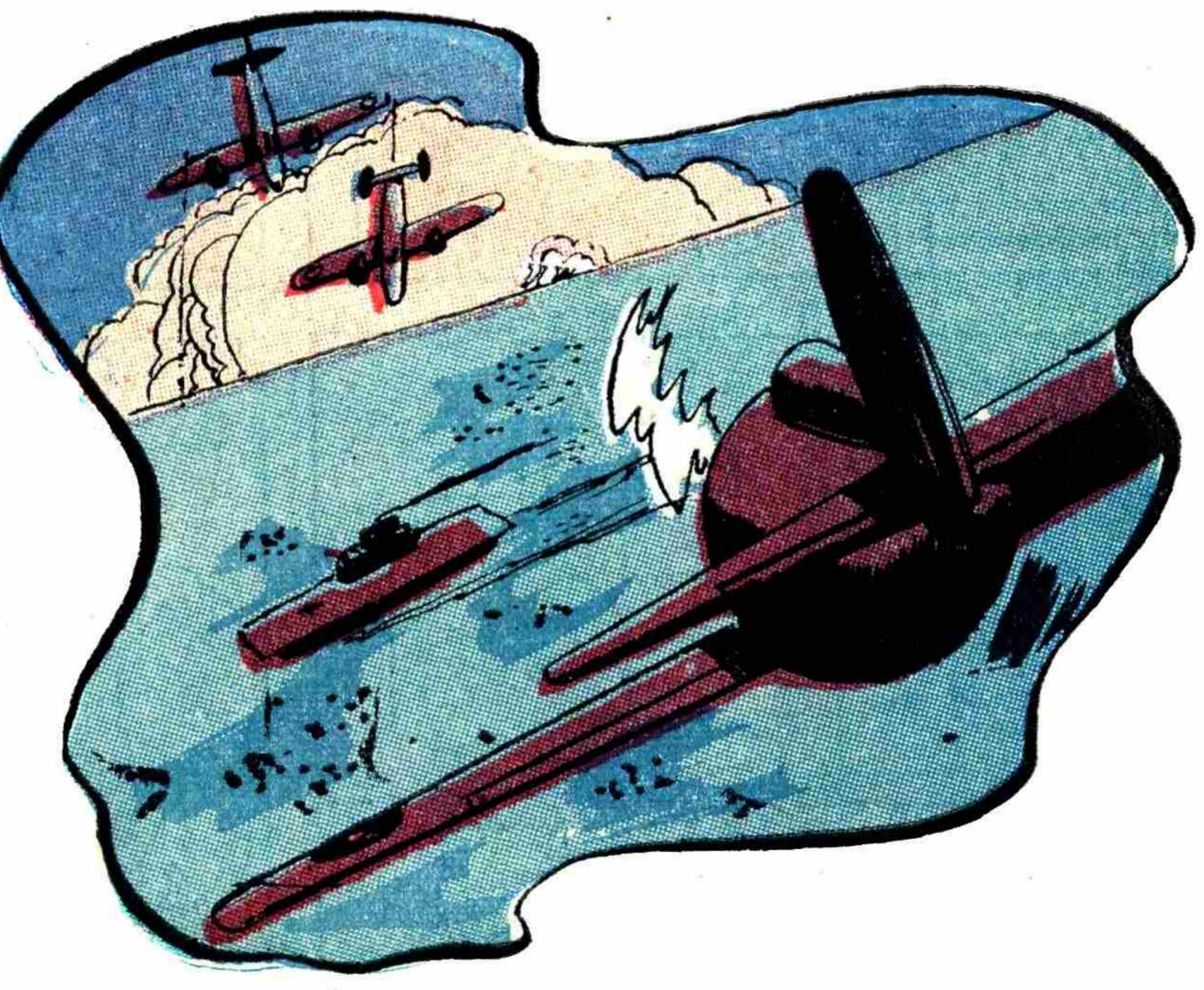


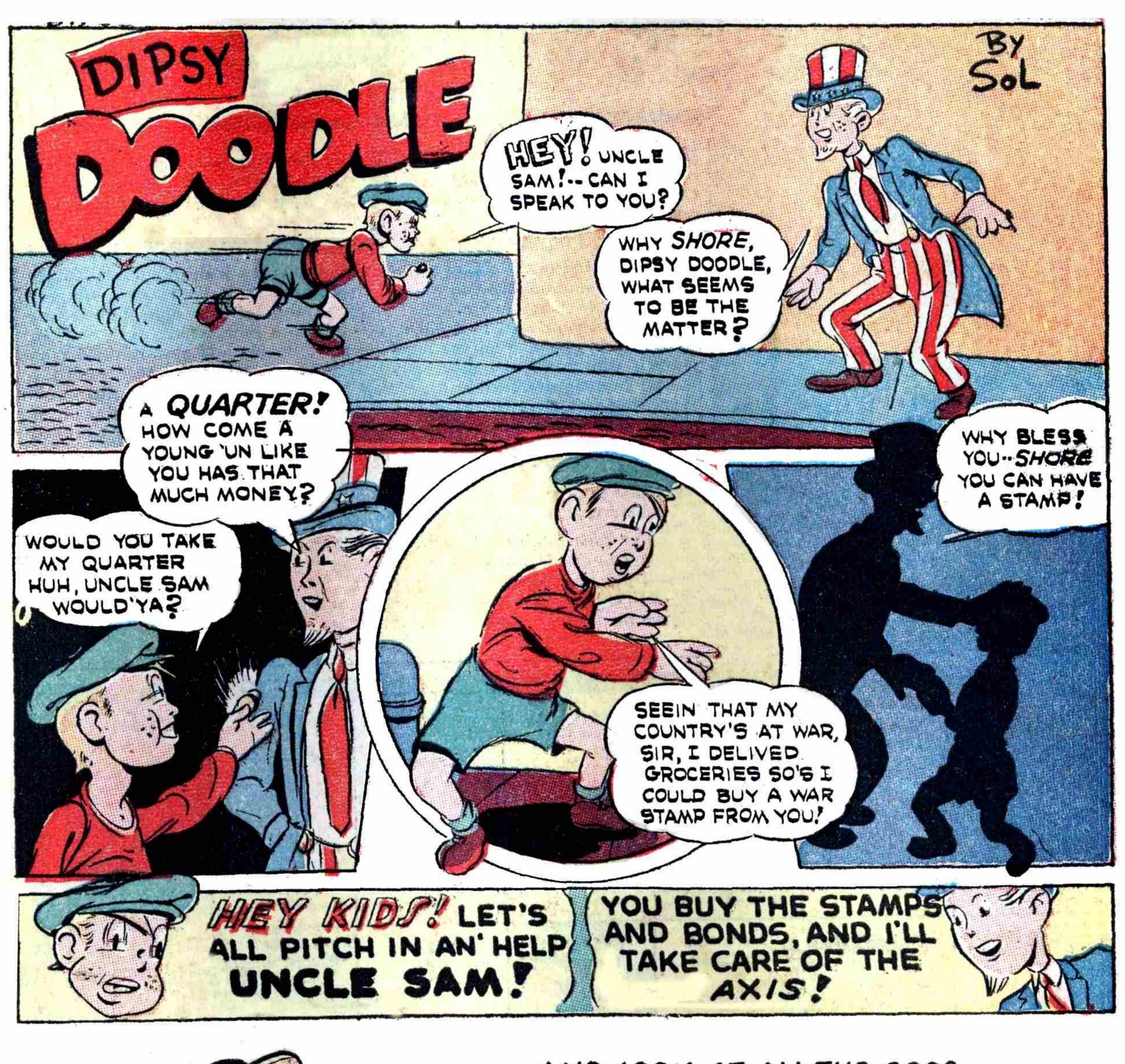


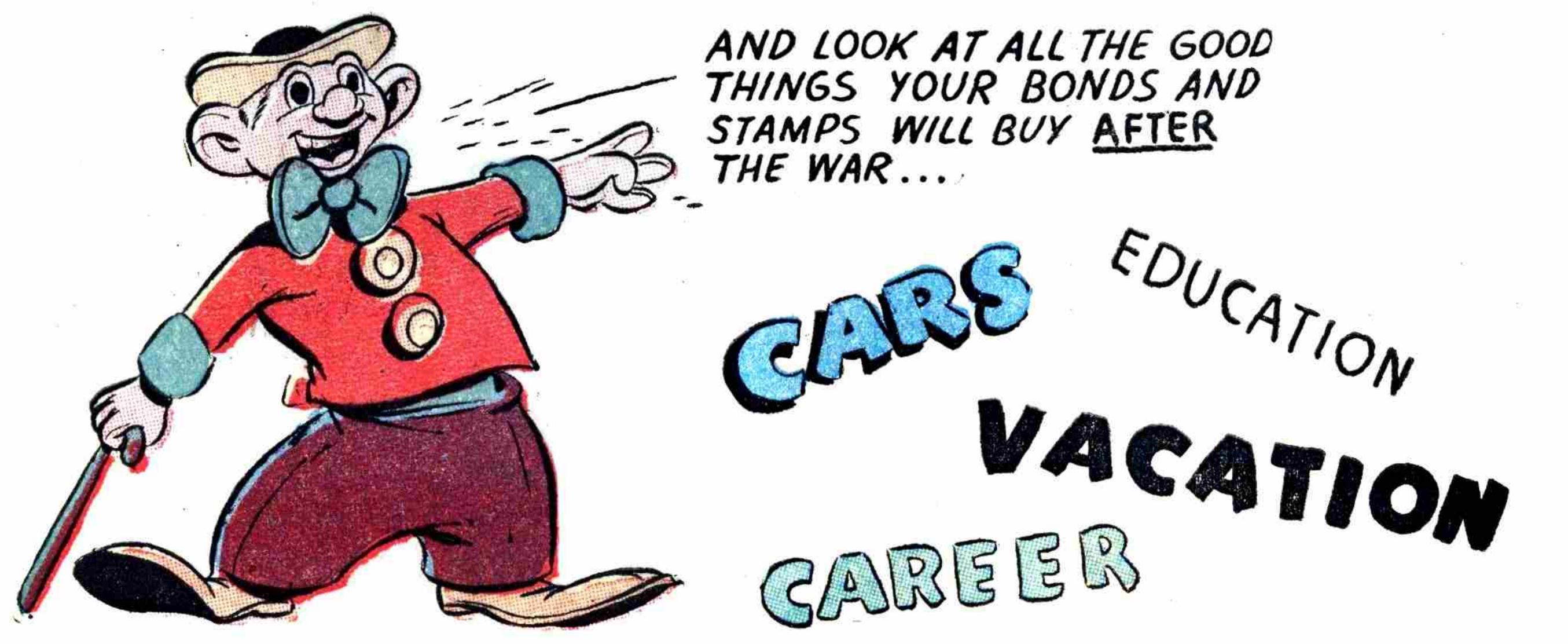




LIEUTENANT EDWARD
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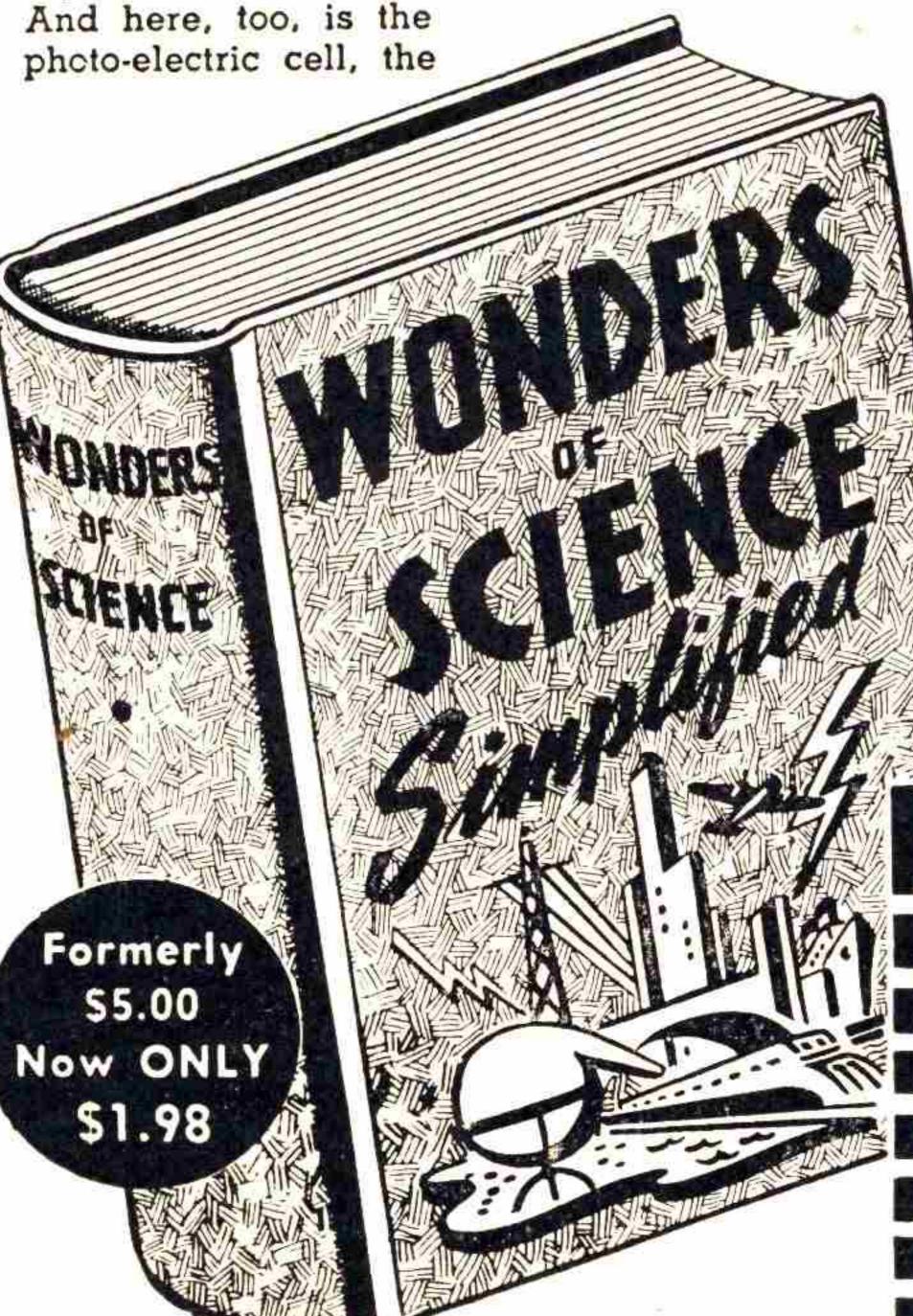
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